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BIRTHS.

KIRWAN—January 4, 1925, at 5 Mount street Crescent, to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kirwan, a son.

WOOD—January 7, 1925, at 4 Walpole street, Chelsea, London, S.W., to Monica (nee Singleton), the wife of G. E. C. Wood, a son.

MARRIAGES.

CHESTER WALSH and HEDERMANN—November 29, 1924, at the Catholic Church, Sourabaya, Java, by Rev. Father Ketaman, Henry Chester Walsh, M.A. (Oxon), British Vice-Consul, Sourabaya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walsh, Williamstown House, Castlebellingham, Ireland, to Carla Hedermann, daughter of the Honorable Mr. Hedermann, General, Danish Army.

DAVISON and ATKINSON—January 7, 1925, at St. Paul's Church, Withington, Manchester, by the Rev. Lowry Hamilton, Vicar of Bowdon, Geoffrey Spence Davison, son of Dr. and Mrs. Davison, Birmingham and Cambridge, to Mary Whitehouse Atkinson, M.B., Ch.B., eldest daughter of H. J. Atkinson, and grand-daughter of the late Professor R. Atkinson, F.C.D., and the late Isaac Ashe, M.D.

HEARNE and GARLAND—January 7, 1925, at the Catholic Church, Donnybrook, by Rev. Daniel Maloney, C.C., Joseph, son of Thomas and Margaret Hearne, of Carlow, to Kathleen (Kitty), daughter of late Richard Garland, J.P., Enniskare House, County Armagh, and of Mrs. Garland, 85 Angleseа road, Donnybrook.

PRICE and STOPFORD—January 9, 1925, at St. Ann's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. H. H. Alcock, William George Price, Barrister-at-Law, District Justice, son of the late George Roberts Price, K.C., and Mrs. Price, 38 Lansdowne road, Dublin, to Dorothy Stopford, M.B., of 35 Fitzwilliam square, daughter of the late Jemmett Stopford and of Mrs. Stopford, Old Bawn, Bray.

RAYMOND and SMITH—December 29, 1924, at the Methodist Church, Carlow, by Rev. W. H. Massey, James Raymond, of Drumin House, Lislowel, to Letitia Muriel, daughter of John Bryan Smith, of Provincial Bank House, Carlow (late of Wicklow).

RICHES and WRIGHT—December 27, 1924, at Methodist Church, Cookstown, County Tyrone, by Rev. J. C. Moore, Henry Albert (Hal) Riches, eldest son of William and the late Mrs. Riches, London, to Elizabeth Elsbeth (Pearl) Wright, eldest daughter of Samuel and Mrs. Wright, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

CALLAN—January 7, 1925, at his residence, Castlebianey, Robert Callan. Funeral to-day at noon. No flowers, by request.

FAGAN—January 8, 1925, at Gartlandstown, Mullingar, Mary Rose Fagan (nee Hope), widow of the late Councillor Thomas Fagan, Lismacaffry. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) at 1 p.m. to Colamber Cemetery from Whitehall Chapel. American papers please copy.

GOWING—January 2, 1925, Elizabeth Gowing, relict of the late Francis Gowing, Killenmore, Killeigh, Offaly. Deeply regretted. Funeral took place to Killeigh Cemetery on January 4. Canadian and American papers please copy.

GRENNAN—January 7, 1925, at the Carmelite Priory, Aungier street, Rev. Thomas Grennan, O.C.C., in the 83rd year of his age and 65th of his religious profession. R.I.P. Requiem Mass and Office this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock.

HUDDLESTON—January 7, 1925, at his residence, Clonburris, Clondalkin, Robert, only child of late Hugh Huddleston, Armagh, in his 64th year. "At evening time it shall be light." Interment to-morrow (Saturday). Funeral private. American papers please copy.

KENT—January 8, 1925, at 15 Merchant's quay, Sophia, the beloved wife of John Kent. "Thy will be done." Funeral for Mount Jerome at 9 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday). American and Colonial papers please copy.

MAY—January 8, 1925, at her mother's residence, 36 Northumberland avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Kathleen, dearly-loved daughter of Mrs. May and the late Patrick May, and late of Park House, North Circular road, Dublin. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from above address to-morrow (Saturday) at 12.30 to family burial ground, Holmpatrick, Skerries (by motor).

MOORE—January 6, 1925, at Lyndhurst, Hastes, England, after a creditless life of pure self-denial, gladly and peacefully re-entered the Infinite, Jemima Moore (formerly of Grosvenor square, Rathmines, Dublin).

"Yet in our ears (ill hearing dies,
One set slow bell will seem to tell
The passing of the sweetest soul
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O'CONNELL—January 7, 1925, at 4 Rutland terrace, Dublin, John K. O'Connell, Secretary, Dublin Cemeteries Committee. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. May he rest in peace. Funeral private. No flowers.

O'NEILL—January 8, 1925, at his residence, 79 Hollybrook road, Clontarf, Dublin, Hugh O'Neill. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P. Funeral 10.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday) to Kilbarrack.

SYTHES—January 8, 1925, at Methodist Widows' House, Grantham street, Dublin, Elizabeth Sithes, aged 82 years. Funeral arriving Ballylinnan about 12 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Ormond road, sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Mulhall and family desire to return thanks to their many kind friends who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, and trust this will be accepted, as it would be impossible to reply individually.

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY.

(Before Mr. Cooper.)

Edward Gahan, Mount Prospect avenue, Clontarf, was charged yesterday with armed robbery, being in unlawful possession of mails, being in unlawful possession of a revolver, and, further, with attempting to murder Detective Officer O'Driscoll and Driver Byrne on October 22nd, 1924.

Christopher Smith, South Frederick street, in evidence, stated that between 3 and 4 p.m. on October 22 last he was collecting letters at a pillar box in St. Lawrence road, Clontarf. He was using a motor bicycle with side car. Two armed men confronted him, and one came close to him, pressed a revolver to his side, and ordered him to stand back from the motor bicycle. Witness hesitated, and the other man came along, producing a revolver from underneath his coat. The two men got into the combination—one on the bike and the other on the car, and drove away in the direction of Killester. Witness hailed a passing Ford car, in which he was driven to Clontarf Police Station, whence he telephoned to the Detective Division. Later he saw the motor combination in charge of police at Killester lane. Letters and parcels were emptied out in the car. Witness said he had no doubt whatever about the identity of the prisoner as one of the men who held him up.

Driver Patrick Byrne, Detective Division, said he drove a number of detectives to St. Lawrence road on October 22. At Killester they found the motor combination. The detectives drove around in the car, and boarded several trams, looking for the men. They were searching a tram between the canal bridge and the North Circular road when, as witness reached the top of the tram, accused and another man drew guns. Witness called on them to "put them up." They did not comply, but made for the stairs. Witness opened fire, and this was continued after the men had left the tram. One of the two men was wounded. Prisoner covered his retreat, and witness picked up a .45 revolver in Dorset street.

Detective Officer P. O'Driscoll said that prisoner and another man, who were on top of a tram, descended the front stairs as witness was ascending the stairs at the rear. The two of them opened fire point blank. One of the men was wounded, and Driver Byrne picked up a revolver on the street.

Detective Officer Jordan gave evidence of arresting accused on the 6th inst. at South Richmond street. He made no statement when charged.

The Justice granted a remand for a week.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

James Fox, motor driver, was charged with the manslaughter of Annie Keys (42), a shop assistant, by knocking her down while driving a motor car, and inflicting injuries from which she subsequently died in the Mater Hospital.

Inspector Gutinan, in evidence, said that when cautioned and charged at the Bridewell, the previous day, accused made a statement to the effect that while he was driving along Capel street, about 6.30 on the evening of the 15th December, the deceased came across the road at the corner of North King street. She stepped in front of the car when he was about eight or nine yards from her. He was driving about nine miles an hour, and although he blew the horn and put on the brakes, he could not avoid striking her. He afterwards brought the injured woman to the Mater Hospital.

The case was remanded for a week, bail being allowed.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Francis Colgan, Clonliffe road, was charged with the larceny, as bailee, of a bacon slicing machine, the property of Messrs. Birkell's, Ltd.

It was stated that accused got the machine on loan from Mr. O'Brien, Irish agent for Messrs. Birkell's, as an inducement to buy a new machine, and that he subsequently sold out his business, fittings and good-will, including the bacon slicer, to Mr. Peter McManus, Church street, for £140.

Mr. P. H. O'Reilly appeared for accused.

Mr. E. H. Burne watched for Messrs. Birkell's, Ltd., and Mr. J. V. Brady watched for Mr. McManus.

The case was remanded for a week, bail being allowed.

HARD LABOUR FOR FALSE PRETENCES.

Francis Dwyer, with an address in Blarney street, Cork, was sentenced yesterday to three months with hard labour on each of two charges—viz., with attempting to obtain money by false pretences from ex-County Court Judge Pigot, Fitzwilliam place, and with obtaining by false pretences the sum of £3 from Mr. Morton Jackson, Merrion square.

Judge Pigot, in evidence, stated that accused came to him in December last and said he was the son of Mr. Gaffney, solicitor, of Limerick; that he was short of money, as he had come from England, and wanted money to help him to get to Limerick.

Accused pleaded guilty to both charges, and said that the man who had primed him what to say to Judge Pigot.

There were convictions against him of obtaining tobacco by false pretences in the Isle of Wight in 1920, and of false pretences in Cork in May last, for which he had been sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Detectives Kinahan and O'Connor had charge of the case.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HARCOURT STREET, DUBLIN. Founded 1861.

The Committee of Management of the National Children's Hospital held their monthly meeting in the Boardroom of the hospital on Thursday, the 8th instant, the Viscount Powerscourt, J.P., presiding. Also present:—Sir William Taylor, K.B.E., M.D.; Major Arthur Wheatley, Dr. T. M. Smith, T. N. Edgeworth, Esq., D.L.; T. Armstrong, Esq., and William Ireland, Esq.

The usual routine business was transacted and cheques were drawn in payment of the December accounts.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the President and members of the Rotary Club for their kindness in again bringing gifts for the Xmas Tree (given by Lord Powerscourt), and the entertainment for the children on 23rd December, which all those present most thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the children of Christ Church Lesson Park, and St. Columba's Church, who brought a great collection of toys and gifts for the Tree, and distributed them to the patients on New Year's Day.

On Saturday last Grif, the champion bubble blower, visited the hospital, and charmed the children with his entertainment.

The Committee acknowledge with many thanks the following subscriptions received during December:—

Lord Kilmaine, J. Armstrong, Esq., £5 5s. each. Lord Dunsany, Mrs. T. A. Laidlaw, John S. Crawford, Esq., £5 each.

Dublin Rotary Club £4 4s.

Messrs. W. Holmes, Ltd., £3 3s.

Lt.-Col. de Burch, Messrs. J. and L. F. Goodbody, Ltd., £2 each.

Colonel F. S. Tottenham, £2 10s. 10d.

Mrs. H. W. Kavanagh, £2 10s.

Mrs. Gally Lett Seely Lett, Esq.; B. H. Barton, Esq., D.L.; Port and Docks Board, £2 2s. each.

Kildare street Club, H. J. Lamb, Esq., R. J. Beaumont Nesbitt, Esq., D.L.; Miss D. J. Hassell, £2 each.

Miss D. Tuckey (collection), £1 12s. 6d.

Thanksgivings, Tullamore Parish Church, per the Very Rev. the Dean of Clonmacnoise, £1 12s. 6d.

Arthur Lucas, Diamond, Co. Mrs. M. H. Cairns, I. Morrooh Ryan, Esq.; Messrs. J. Douglas and Sons, Mrs. Wilson, Messrs. Findlater and Co., Mrs. F. Lee, Esq.; Miss M. Stewart, Mrs. E. C. Dawson, Mrs. Baker Wardell and Co., Mrs. Stewart Collis, Esq.; Miss F. R. Armitage, W. B. McCaw, Esq.; A. H. C. Baker, Esq., Messrs. E. and J. Burke, Ltd.; Miss Tisdall, Miss K. Scott, Miss E. Christian £1 1s. each.

Mrs. Tunstall Moore, F. H. Hall, Esq.; Mrs. H. Thompson Captain Prior Wandesforde, C. F. Townsend, Esq., Mrs. R. Fawcett, R. A. Loncbe, Esq.; G. R. Low, Esq.; Messrs. E. O'Keeffe, Ltd.; E. Weber Smith, Esq.; Miss L. Cumisky, £1 each.

"A Sympathiser," Charles Esson, Esq., 10s. 6d. each.

Miss Hewson, Rev. Canon W. H. Scott, Wm. Kennedy, Esq.; F.T.C.D.; Miss S. L. Hope, the Misses Wade, Daniel Behan, Esq.; Messrs. J. and C. McGloughlin, Ltd.; Christmas Gift, W. R. Graham, Esq., 10s. each.

C. A. Jauncey, Esq.; Miss Reichel, Miss Homan, C. P. Foster, Esq.; Messrs. Walter Carson and Sons, £5 each.

"A Friend," 4/6 Miss S. Russell, 3/-; Mrs. Johnston, 2/-.

Contributions for support of Cots:—Sir Harold Kennedy, Esq., F.T.C.D.; Miss S. L. Hope, the Misses Wade, Daniel Behan, Esq.; Messrs. J. and C. McGloughlin, Ltd.; Christmas Gift, W. R. Graham, Esq., 10s. each.

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Contributions for support of Cots:—Sir Harold Mahon (Gibbs Cot), £10; Mrs. A. Barker Douglas (Robert St. John Cot), £12; Mrs. Lanyon West (Beauchamp Cot), £6; Captain F. G. Murphy (Child Murray Cot), £12; Mrs. J. C. Smyth (Westmeath Cot), £14 7/-; Mrs. J. Burgess Hill (Frances Mitchell and Harry Kirkwood Cot), £5; Mrs. Jack Nunn (C. Bartholomew's Cot), £14 7/-; Rathmines Parish Church, per R. Scales, Esq. (Rathmines Cot), £12; Mrs. R. F. Eldridge (Ida Cot), £9 6/6; Miss Laidlaw (Tuskbrook and Clonsilla Cot), £20 10/-; Mrs. A. M. Symes Doogies (Robert St. John Cot), £12; Mrs. Lanyon West (Beauchamp Cot), £6; Captain F. G. Murphy (Child Murray Cot), £12; Mrs. J. C. Smyth (Westmeath Cot), £14 7/-; Mrs. J. Burgess Hill (Frances Mitchell and Harry Kirkwood Cot), £5; Mrs. Jack Nunn (C. Bartholomew's Cot), £14 7/-; Rathmines Parish Church, per R. Scales, Esq. (Rathmines Cot), £12; Mrs. R. F. Eldridge (Ida Cot), £9 6/6; Miss Laidlaw (Tuskbrook and Clonsilla Cot), £20 10/-; Mrs. A. M. Symes (Geoffry Gibbs Cot), £11; Miss Louisa Horadge (Alison Cot), £12 12/6.

The Matron returns grateful thanks to the following for:—

Turkeys—G. F. Beckett, Esq.; Messrs. McCabe's, Ltd.

Ox-Tongue—Messrs. Cooney Bros.

Cakes, Sausages, etc.—Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. and the Misses McConnell, J. Lamont Brown, Esq.; Dublin Bread Co., Messrs. Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien.

Fruit and Vegetables—Mrs. Beaty Lett, Murphy, Esq.; Captain Jameson, H. M. Palmer, Esq.; Mrs. and the Misses McConnell.

Flowers, etc.—Dawson Street Badminton Club, Mrs. Armstrong, Esq.; Mrs. Wilson Phillips, Mrs. Jones (Ivy), Lord Powerscourt (Christmas tree), Mrs. Newman (Christmas tree and decorations), Mrs. Phillips.

Boys—Dawson Street Badminton Club, Manager, Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey and Co.; Children Rathfarnham Parish Church, per Miss Miles; Arbeymount, Messrs. Fred Hanna, per Dr. Nesbitt; Messrs. Hunt, Catty and Co., per Miss McMullan (Dunkerley); Mrs. Boggs, Miss F. J. Hamilton, Georgiegan, Misses Allen and May Kearney, Mrs. George Gildstone, Children Percy Presbyterian Church, Abbey Church, per Mr. Allen; Messrs. Jacobs, Mrs. J. Archbold, Ronny and Iris Boyd, the Misses Laidlaw, Children Monkstown Parish Church per Miss Snow; "With W.D.'s love to the children," Miss D. Bias, Z. F. Pickering, Esq.; Mrs. Mollison, Esq.; Mrs. A. Barker and Miss Audrey Mervyn, Mrs. Massey, R. Johnson, Esq.; A.V.F. and C.M.F., J. Hamilton Morgan, Esq.; Mrs. O'Rourke, Mrs. West, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Hartford, Dr. and Mrs. Nesbitt, Miss Bailey, the Very Rev. the Dean of Ossory, Messrs. Scotland, Ltd.

Girls—Mrs. W. Stanley, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Patrick Dollaghan, Religious Tract Society, Anonymous, Miss Doris Smith, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Pamela Mansfield, Miss J. A. Mollan, Miss Papers—C. Pratt Whelan, Esq. (weekly); an Earlsfort House School Boy, Mrs. Boggs, Master J. Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, Anonymous.

Bottles—Anonymous.

Clothing—Mrs. Barneveld.

Contributions for Christmas Treat—Irish Land Commission Staff, £3; Mrs. Fred Wilson, £1; Miss Reid, Kenmare, £1; Miss F. M. Green, 10/-; Mrs. and the Misses McConnell 5/-; Mrs. George, 5/-.

The Matron also wishes to thank very heartily those who responded so generously to her appeal for "Peace Day." Both in money and in goods £180 7/- and 7,000lbs. weight of goods being received. As the goods were too numerous to be acknowledged individually she hopes that donors will accept this acknowledgment.

DUBLIN MANSION HOUSE COAL FUND.

SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin presided at the annual public meeting in connection with the Mansion House Coal Fund, which was held at the Mansion House yesterday afternoon.

Apologies for absence were received from the Most Rev. Dr. Gregg, the Rev. Dr. Denham Osborne, the Rev. Father Flanagan, Adm., Marlborough street, and Mr. Jonathan Pim.

The Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, in a letter enclosing a cheque for £100, said: "It is almost a matter of necessity that the Mansion House Coal Fund should continue to do its charitable work."

Sir John Irwin (Hon. Secretary) read the annual report for 1923-1924, which showed that during the winter 1923-1924 the Committee were enabled to make grants of 3,530 bags of coals, all of which were distributed through the usual charitable organisations, after careful investigation of the needs of the recipients. The subscriptions fell somewhat short of the previous season, due to the removal from Dublin and the deaths of old subscribers. It was hoped that during the present season, which marked the thirtieth year of its existence, the Fund may be more widely and generously supported. The Committee thanked the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Dublin Parochial Association, the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society, and the Rev. Dr. Denham Osborne for the valuable assistance rendered in administering the Fund.

The Treasurer's statement showed a credit balance of £95.

BAD YEAR MAKES BIG NEEDS.

The Lord Mayor, proposing the adoption of the report, thanked those who attended, also the many subscribers throughout the city. He had a fairly long experience now—eight years—as Lord Mayor attending these meetings, and one saw the same faces at all the meetings and the same people subscribed. They seldom saw strangers at the meetings or amongst the subscribers. Times were undoubtedly bad in the city at present, and people might like to give a little more than they gave in the past.

He made a special appeal, owing to unemployment, owing to poverty and to the scenes which they had during the past ten or twelve days, which Alderman Byrne did so much to alleviate, to people who had never subscribed to the Coal Fund, to stint themselves of some little thing and send subscriptions, and they would be very well rewarded in the thought that they had done something for the very poorest of the poor. The thanks of the public were due to Sir John Irwin for guiding the destinies of the Fund for thirty years.

PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS.

The Rev. John Carson, B.D., in seconding, said that the Fund had been a great help to him and his brother clergymen in providing coal for the poorest members of their parishioners. The grants were made very justly, and he strongly recommended the Fund for public support.

Mr. William Field, proposing: "That the Mansion House Coal Fund is deserving of the support of the citizens," pointed out that there was greater need for the Fund this year than ever before owing to the recent floods and distress.

Alderman Alfred Byrne seconded the resolution, and referred to the liberal response of the citizens to the appeal in connection with the recent distress caused by the floods.

On the motion of Mr. Fogarty, seconded by Mr. J. J. Nagle, a vote of thanks was passed to the Dublin Press for its assistance.

The Secretary read a list of subscriptions received, which will be duly published.

Sir John Irwin, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, said that he always took a deep interest in the Fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin	£100	0	0
His Excellency the Governor-General	5	0	0
Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd.	25	0	0
Hibernian Bank, Ltd.	25	0	0
Sir George Roberts, K.C.B.	2	0	0
John Jameson and Son, Ltd.	20	0	0
W. and R. Jacob and Co., Ltd.	10	0	0
Joseph Mooney, M.P.	5	0	0
Rev. Francis J. Wall, P.P.	1	0	0
Rolands, Ltd.	10	0	0
F. B. Blackby and Miss Gibson	1	0	0
P. J. Murphy, Dun Laoghaire	20	0	0
Mrs. Mellor, Palmerston	1	0	0
Classon Porter, M.A.	1	0	0
Alderman J. Hubbard Clark, High street	1	1	0
Sir John Irwin, T.P.	2	2	0
J. J. Nagle	5	0	0
Alderman L. O'Neill, Lord Mayor	2	2	0
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Osborne	1	10	0
Miss Mevany, per Rev. Dr. Osborne	1	0	0
Miss S. E. Eustace, per do.	1	0	0
T. M. Fraser do.	1	0	0
Miss G. Bailie, per do.	1	0	0
Sir John Purser Griffith, M.Inst.C.E.	10	0	0
Irish Feather Company, Ltd.	3	3	0
Miss Maude Townshend, Italy	1	0	0
Rev. A. J. Kraa, C.C.	1	0	0
Mrs. Gerald Mooney	5	3	0
Mrs. H. Tweedy	2	2	0
Leonard Lesson	1	0	0
L. and E. Egan	10	10	0
Watkins, Jameson, Pim and Co., Ltd.	10	0	0
Guinn Low, Ltd.	3	2	0
Miller and Beatty, Ltd.	5	5	0
Dublin Distillers Co., Ltd.	5	5	0
Senator F. S. Kyle	2	2	0
Weir and Sons	5	0	0
John D'Arcy and Son, Ltd.	5	0	0
J. J. Kelly, Dun Laoghaire	3	0	0
Clarence Hotels Co., Ltd.	3	0	0
Stirling, Cockle and Ashley, Ltd.	1	1	0
W. Wogan and Co., Ltd.	1	1	0
Hon. A. E. Guinness	5	0	0
Trustees of "Arnott Bequest" per Winstanley Beaumont, per City Treasurer	6	11	2
Sir Joseph Downes	5	0	0
Joseph Downes and Son, Ltd.	5	0	0
D. M. Watson, South Great George's street	1	1	0
Mrs. Doherty Hungerford	0	10	0
A. M.	2	0	0
A. McFarland	2	0	0
Right Hon. Jonathan Pim, K.C.	2	2	0
Thomas, William and John Kelly	5	0	0
William Hogg and Co., Ltd.	5	0	0
Thomas J. Kavanagh, Harcourt street	1	1	0
William Perrin	2	2	0
Rev. John G. O'Reilly, C.C.	1	1	0
Very Rev. John Flanagan, Adm.	1	1	0
"A Servant"	0	2	6
M.D.; Major Arthur Wheatley, Dr. T. M. Smith, T. N. Edgeworth, Esq., D.L.; T. Armstrong, Esq., and William Ireland, Esq.	0	10	0
Mr. Grant	0	5	0
Sir Maurice E. Dockrell	0	0	0
Dockrell, Ltd.	0	0	0
Alderman Byrne, T.D.	2	2	0
Mrs. Maud Walsh	1	0	0
Rev. J. Carson, B.D.	1	0	0
John Fogarty, Ltd.	2	2	0
Joseph Doyle, Upper Dominick street	2	2	0
Miss Cullen	1	0	0
Dr. C. M. O'Brien	1	0	0

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY LECTURES.

The lecture on "The Electricity of the Air," in the Royal College of Surgeons this afternoon, under the auspices of the Royal Dublin Society, will be delivered by Dr. Horace H. Poole. Professor Nolan is unable to be present owing to illness.

FRENCH WINTER RESORTS.

Reuter's Agency has received the following particulars regarding the weather conditions in leading French winter resorts:—

	Height and Condition of the Snow.	Condition of the Rink.	Minimum Temperature in Degrees Fahrenheit.
Chamonix	2", fair	Excellent	16
Mont Revard	3", good		32
Lans	1", good		21
Chartreuse	1", good	—	21
Font Romeu	2", fair	Good	30
Dun Super.	12", fresh	Good	18
Lagneres	12", fresh	Good	18
Villard de Lans	1", good	—	19
Gerardmer	2", good	Very good	18
Morez Jura	2", good	—	26

(Reuter.)

Books of the Week.

MOSLEM ASIA.

Mr. Alexander Powell, an American traveller in the East, who has already written a number of wall-known books on Moslem Asia, has now produced a work that will infuriate some, mightily please others, and interest all who read. His conclusions are not always deducible from his premisses, and his enthusiasms, even from his own account, seem often to have a very modest base. Despite his protests of admiration for British colonial rule and for British administration, we ask ourselves why he sees in British missions to Persia before the war self-interested motives, while subsequent American missions are purely altruistic, and in "less than a year have brought about more numerous and far-reaching reforms than the Empire has known in all the three thousand years of its existence." If we were cynically inclined, we might suggest that enthusiasm for Persia was bound up with concessions to the American Standard Oil Company in Northern Persia, and the championing of the Angora Government with the mysterious agreement between it and an American syndicate which promises to build brand-new cities and gigantic rail-systems "while you wait." We do not, however, make any such innuendoes. Though we disagree with many of Mr. Powell's deductions, we believe in his sincerity.

The general impression that this pungently-written book leaves on the reader is that Mr. Lloyd George is the evil genius of Britain in the East. His war-time promises have left British diplomats in a hopeless tangle, that they have since been attempting to straighten out, while at the same time they try to avoid charges of broken faith. Mr. Powell regards him as the sinister influence that sent Greece as a cat's paw on her mad adventure into Anatolia which had much to do with the extraordinary situation that now exists—Turkey defeated but far stronger than before the war. Her outlying provinces, that were never really controlled and frittered away her resources, are now a burden and a menace to England and France; for few would dare to contend that France's mandate over Syria and Cilicia, and England's over Palestine and Iraq (the war-time Mesopotamia) are a source of anything but potential weakness, especially to a Power whose natural line of offence and defence is the sea. England's mandates Mr. Powell regards as the outcome of undiluted imperialism which seeks to have a gigantic sphere of influence between Egypt and India over an Arab confederacy. In the next breath, however, he suggests that it is petroleum interests that England is "after"; so he leaves the reader in some doubt as to his real views. For ourselves, we hold that the position has merely developed, not "according to plan," which is the Teutonic method, but in the usual happy-go-lucky way customary with Anglo-Saxon foreign policies.

One cannot overlook the fact that the book is written as much for American as for British consumption, and that this necessitates the production of arguments in the earlier chapters to show that the Turk is not so bad as he is painted, or the Armenian—the *protégé* of tender-hearted American philanthropists—altogether an immaculate person. The British public, on the other hand, never has been violently anti-Turk, and always has been ready to give the Turk a fair hearing. It will, therefore, welcome the interesting and trenchant historical chapters on Asiatic Turkey, and will appreciate the descriptions—perhaps, thrown into too strong relief—of the dissensions among the Allies that gave rejuvenation to a war-weary people. The Palestine chapter will have a special interest. "When Mr. Balfour imitated Jehovah by promising to give Israel the Promised Land, he placed his Government in a most embarrassing position; for not only are the Jews outnumbered by the Moslems in a ratio of seven and a half to one, but they are also outnumbered by the Christians."

Apart from the validity or otherwise of his conclusions, Mr. Powell has done a real service in the chapters on Mesopotamia and Arabia by drawing together material which in a clear and accurate form sets out the historical, religious and political significations involved in the Emirates of Transjordania, the Hedjas and Nejd, and the immense central Kingdom of the Wahibis, which is full of such unknown possibilities. He is an expert who, from living contact, has rounded off the knowledge derived from travellers and diplomatic lore, and he has brought much of the intricate history of Moslem Asia in recent years within our comprehension.

"The Struggle for Power in Moslem Asia." By E. Alexander Powell. London: Long. 15/- net.

THE VICTORY OF SINN FEIN.

That a public official, in *expeditione*, so to speak, should write a political book of a highly controversial character might strike an Englishman as odd. No such reflection will occur to the Irishman accustomed to regard the *bizarre* as ordinary. We learn from Mr. O'Hegarty that the insurrection of Easter Week, 1916, was solely the work of the secret organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood. Indeed, James Connolly, the Socialist leader, was kidnapped before the rising broke out, and "had not then the approval of the Republican Brotherhood's chiefs. The author endorses the insurrection, but insists that after 1916 "there should not have been a shot fired in Ireland, nor a gun bought." He intimated this view to Mr. Collins in 1917, but was scoffed at. In May, 1920, Terence McSwiney informed him of a certain proposal which seemed "fiendish, indefensible and inadvisable." He communicated with Mr. Griffith, urging that, "if you don't control the Volunteers, they will bring us all down in red ruin." Mr. Griffith made no direct answer, but added, after a minute, in that cold reflective way of his: "The military mind is the same in every country. Our military men are as bad as the British. They think of nothing but their own particular end, and cannot be brought to consider the political consequences of their proceedings." Fortunately!

The Belfast boycott is described by Mr. O'Hegarty as a shameful episode, a "blind and suicidal contribution to the general hate." After the truce of 1921 the Sinn Fein leaders knew that a settlement which was not independence was coming, but they had neither the courage nor the wisdom to say so, even privately. Instead, they continued to arm their followers and to pretend that the guerilla campaign against England would be renewed. Drink, too, was largely responsible for the incidents before and after the occupation of the Four Courts. From 1916 onwards, the leaders of Sinn Fein selected dependable deputies who could be trusted to give little trouble to the political machine. The second Dail was like the first in this regard—a collection of mediocrities, in the grip of a machine, and leaving all its thinking to Messrs. de Valera, Griffith and Collins. "The same principle," we think, has been followed, with the result that the average level of ability and intelligence in the present Dail is appallingly low—much lower than it was in the Irish Parliamentary Party." Mr. O'Hegarty, however, commends the Senate for its patriotism and its effort to take a broad view of national affairs.

While he admires "Mick Collins," the author declares that, as a youth in London, this remarkable revolutionary fell into spasmodic association with a crowd from his own place, and "their influence on him was not good." Mr. Griffith was not, by any means, "a non-believer in physical forces"; Mr. O'Hegarty first met him as a member of the "I.R.B." Of the last few years the author says: "We adopted political assassination as a principle; we devised the ambush; we encouraged women to forget their sex and play at gunmen; we turned the whole thoughts and passions of a generation upon blood and revenge and death; we placed gunmen, mostly half-educated and totally inexperienced, as dictators over large areas. . . . Every devilish thing we did against the British went its full circle, and then boomeranged and smote us tenfold." The author contends that Ireland has degenerated as a result of waves of loot, dissipation and sex-immorality.

Two conclusions emerge from this work—one that, inadvertently, Mr. O'Hegarty has made an excellent case for the maintenance of the British occupation. The second is that a generation of Irishmen—the first in modern history—scoffed at the excommunication of the Roman Catholic Church, by joining the organisation which, seemingly, must be saddled with so much of the responsibility for the evil of the last few years. Whether this emancipation from ecclesiastical control will benefit Ireland or not, time alone will tell.

"The Victory of Sinn Fein." By P. S. O'Hegarty. Dublin: The Talbot Press. 5/- net.

MEMOIRS OF A HORSE-TRAINER.

The memoirs of such a noted horse-trainer, gentleman rider and huntsman as the Hon. George Lambton cannot fail to interest racegoers. They were penned as a record of men and horses that the author has met during the last fifty years, and the result is a volume which grips the attention from the outset. The most memorable period in the history of the Turf within his record was between 1880 and 1890—years notable for great jockeys, great trainers and owners who were all true sportsmen. In those days of dandies and swells jockeys were much more particular about their appearance than they are now. Races were run in a different style, and at times, no doubt, the practice of waiting and coming with one run was carried to excess. The present style does not lend itself to this, and anyone who lies off in a race and then loses comes in for unjust criticism. Taken all round, Fred Archer was the greatest of jockeys. Apprenticed at eleven years of age to Matthew Dawson, he was only seventeen when he won the Two Thousand Guineas for Lord Falmouth on Atlantic. Thenceforward until he died at the age of twenty-nine he was at the head of winning jockeys. His victories included five in the Derby, four in the Oaks and six in the St. Leger. Archer knew well how to get the most out of a horse, but he was not a pretty finisher.

As to the best horse that has been seen for the last fifty years, Mr. Lambton gives St. Simon first place. "Perhaps, he had not such great horses to oppose him as had Ormonde and others, but, no matter what his opponents—whether good or bad—when his jockey let him out to win they appeared like common selling platers." This horse was never beaten and was also successful as a stallion.

Dealing with his own riding experiences, the author says that the large amount of racing done in these days on straight courses is not helpful to jockeys. Riding on round courses is a better training for young jockeys. They are frequently obliged to wait, as they cannot all be in front, and they learn how often a horse will run on again when his rider has been obliged to take a pull. Writing of the Derby of 1893, Mr. Lambton thinks that, if Papyrus and Pharos, the Derby horses of 1923, were placed alongside Isinglass and Ravensbury, even allowing for the glamour of the past, the comparison would not be to the advantage of the younger generation. In dealing with the career of Lord Rosebery's Derby-winner, Ladas, the author is reminded of a statement by Mat Dawson, who said: "Horses for years have had too great a strain put upon them in their two and three-year-old days. Consequently every succeeding generation becomes less robust, and you will find that, as time goes on, horses will be less and less able to stand the work that their hardy ancestors did." He added that, if he were starting again, he would aim at breeding from the best staying blood available. King Edward as a sportsman was the most popular man in England, and in this respect Mr. Rothschild was second only to him. The scenes which followed the winning of the Derby by Persimmon, and later by Minoru, carrying the Royal colours, are vividly described.

In 1897 came the "American invasion," including the noted jockey, Tod Sloan, who in a short time revolutionised the whole system of race-riding. Mr. Lambton dislikes the change and considers that it has spoiled much of the beauty of racing. At the same time he admits that it has come to stay. With other things, the Americans taught much that was simple and intelligent in the treatment of the horse. As a result stables have become better lighted and ventilated, and horses are much sounder in their wind. The author has some interesting memories of the methods adopted by various trainers and jockeys and the peculiarities of horses. His pen-pictures are vivid, and the volume ought to be on every sportsman's bookshelf.

"Men and Horses I Have Known." By the Hon. George Lambton. Thirty-six plates. London: Thornton Butterworth. 21/- net.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

We have been waiting for a book like this which would give the religious world a scholarly and accurate survey of the position of the Church of England and the causes for which she stands. The case is presented with that independence of thought and breadth of view which we expect from a scholar of Dr. Headlam's reputation. The book contains his primary visitation charge to the Diocese of Gloucester, and will be read with interest by a far larger audience than that to which it was delivered. The Bishop believes that the Church of England has three contributions to make towards the completion of the Catholic Church. It has succeeded as a national Church in adapting the Christian message to the instincts of the English people; it has given adequate proof of its devotion to learning, and it has brought about a development of religious freedom and toleration to which other countries are yet strangers.

He does not hesitate to state clearly his own convictions on matters that come under review. The Church on earth consists, he believes, of all those who have accepted the Faith of Christ here, have been baptized into Christ, and have attempted to live according to His will. The test of the reality and power of the Church is the power of applying great principles to newer circumstances. The inheritance must not prove a confining and limiting bequest, but must be expanded and illuminated by the Church's life. The doctrines of the Church should be simple and few. Here it is worth while to quote Dr. Headlam's remarks on the Virgin Birth: "It is not the Incarnation or an essential part of that doctrine. The essential thing is that the Son of God became man. . . . It does not prove the Incarnation; we believe it because we accept the Incarnation and it harmonises with that belief." Again, "While the two Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Communion are essential, I do not find any Scriptural evidence for a necessary doctrine of the Eucharist. . . . In the New Testament far more stress is laid on Christian life than external form."

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"The Church of England." By the Right Rev. A. C. Headlam, D.D., Bishop of Gloucester. London: Murray. 13/6 net.

A NOMAD'S TALE.

Mr. Thompson is an old Rugby boy who, finding an office near Finsbury Circus intolerable, left London in the 'sixties to become an incorrigible nomad. He tells us something of the first raid on Canada by the Fenians, when 1,400 crossed the border. The leader was a General John O'Neil, a veteran of the American Civil War, and, undaunted by the failure of 1866, this soldier of fortune ventured a second time in 1870. The author was then serving in the Rifle Brigade. The coup failed; for the American Government co-operated with the Canadian authorities. O'Neil was arrested, together with his men, by the United States marshal, and was sentenced ingloriously to six months' imprisonment for a breach of the Neutrality Act. Before this time Mr. Thompson had narrowly escaped violence in New York. James Stephens, fresh from his escape in Dublin, was addressing a huge crowd in Central Park, when some of the assembly, noticing the pointed boots worn by the narrator, rushed towards him. The square-toed boot was American and the pointed British—a fact which Father Sheehan notes in his novel, "The Graves at Kilmorna." The sunny side of this period is demonstrated by the murder, in 1868, of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, at Ottawa. Formerly an ardent extremist, McGee changed his views, entered the Canadian Parliament, and came to the old land on a visit in 1868. Here he strongly denounced the Fenian brotherhood—a denunciation which, on his return to Canada, led to his murder by a Fenian, Whelan, who subsequently paid the penalty of the crime.

Leaving Canada, our wanderer joined the United States Army and took part in the frontier affairs against the war-like Sioux. The Sioux mind is well exemplified by a story. A chief, hearing two teamsters quarrelling one day, was struck by the phrase used by one of them to the other, "God damn your soul." He asked the interpreter what the words meant, and being informed that they represented a prayer to the Great Spirit that one of the teamsters might die and after his death be afflicted in his spirit with torture, he said with disgust:

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NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Mr. P. J. Lawrence has refused an invitation to stand as a Cumann na nGaedheal candidate at the forthcoming by-election in North Dublin.—(Page 5.)

Mr. W. Baird yesterday was elected Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board. The tonnage entering the port in 1924 exceeded that for 1923.—(Page 7.)

At a meeting of the Roscommon Committee of Agriculture it was reported that the disease known as fluke had decimated sheep flocks in the county, and that young cattle had also fallen victims to the disease, which is caused by wet lands.—(Page 7.)

The warrant explaining and extending the scope of the terms of reference of the Wood-Renton Commission was signed by the Governor-General of the Irish Free State yesterday.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

The Naval Committee of the United States House of Representatives heard evidence yesterday on the question of the raising of the elevation of guns in capital ships. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, expressed the opinion in a letter that the increased elevation would not constitute a violation of the Washington Treaty, while Mr. Wilbur, Secretary for the Navy, stated that he could not recommend a programme for an increased gun elevation.—(Page 6.)

A reputed gunman who, it is thought, may be able to assist the police in tracing the murderers of the Sirdar has been arrested in Cairo.—(Page 5.)

Earthquake shocks were experienced in Switzerland, France and Germany yesterday. No serious damage is reported.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

At Tenby yesterday Equanourt won the Park House Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were irregular. South Africans and Chartered were strong. Grand Trunk Pacific 4 per cent. Debs. fell heavily.—(Page 9.)

Loan conditions were more comfortable in Lombard street, and overnight money went on at 2½-3 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady.—(Page 9.)

In Dublin Bank of Ireland Stock rose 15 points to 300, and National Loan put on ¼ at 92¼.—(Page 9.)

The Gaelic League.

The Gaelic League is moribund. and its fate has a lesson for the Irish people. Founded thirty-one years ago, in order to revive the Irish language and to promote the study of Gaelic literature, the League made a generous appeal to patriotic Irishmen of all parties and creeds. It received support from Roman Catholic and Protestant, Unionist and Nationalist, alike; and for some years it made good progress under the guidance of its founder and first President, Dr. Douglas Hyde. Then that curse of our *perfervidum ingenium*—politics—assailed the League. Some of its members began to claim that adherence to what Professor Magennis calls "the national position" was the true test of Gaelic orthodoxy. Matters went from bad to worse, and an Irish novelist was driven out of the League because certain persons disliked his political views. At last, in 1915, Dr. Hyde, who had clung loyally to the League's original programme and had adorned its labours with his learning, found himself obliged to resign the Presidency. Thereafter the League became a purely political organisation, identified altogether with the campaign against British rule in Ireland. During the last two years its control has fallen into the hands of the extreme Republicans, and its official organ has been used frankly for purposes of propaganda against the Free State Government. In the meanwhile, despite that Government's Procrustean efforts to revive the language in the schools, the cause languishes and the area of the *Gaedhealtacht* is dwindling into nothingness.

Now the disgrace and folly of this situation have produced at least a momentary closing of the ranks. Yesterday Free Staters and Republicans came together in a desperate attempt to resuscitate the League; Mr. John MacNeill, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Speaker Hayes and Mr. de Valera found themselves on the same platform. After a healthy and candid interchange of views the conference agreed that the League ought to be reorganised on a non-political basis, and it is expected that a plan for submission to the League's High Council will be found before St. Patrick's Day. No doubt, political wiseacres will spy mischief in the new *rapprochement*; but we are not at all afraid of it, and, though we are forced to be sceptical about its permanence, we hope that our scepticism will be disproved by the event. If politicians of both parties can, and will, resolve honestly to make the Gaelic League an organisation which every friend of the Irish language and literature may support with an easy conscience, they will have done something for the nation's unity and peace. The attempt is foredoomed to failure, however, unless they accept two conditions as essential. One is that the spirit and policy of the League shall not be "anti" anything. The other is that the League shall countenance no efforts to force the language upon people who do not want to learn it. The revived League will do well to recognise also that the old League became sadly neglectful of the literary side of its programme. During the last dozen years all the good work done for Gaelic literature has been done by other bodies and persons, including the Irish Texts Society, the new school of critical writers and the pioneers in the field of Gaelic drama. We assume that at the first sign of genuine reform will be a "call" to Dr. Douglas Hyde to forget the years that the locusts have eaten and to return to his place as President of the Gaelic League.

National Accounts.

The second interim report of the Committee of Public Accounts, which has been entrusted by *Dail Eireann* with the task of examining Free State expenditure, was published last night. The report covers the financial year 1922-1923, during the greater part of which civil war was in progress throughout the Free State, and, naturally, many irregularities of a more or less serious nature have been discovered by the Committee. Its intention originally was to issue a report on Army accounts simultaneously with the present document; but circumstances prevented this object from being achieved, and the Committee will deal with Army expenditure in its final report, which will be issued as soon as possible. In all the circumstances the findings of the Committee must be regarded as quite satisfactory. During the first years of the Free State's existence Ministries were in process of formation; officials were feeling their way in surroundings to which many of them were totally unaccustomed; and, above all, the dictates of the public safety were so imperative that the scrupulous investigation of every halfpenny's expenditure was utterly impossible. Most of the irregularities to which the Committee draws attention were due in part, no doubt, to the lapses of irresponsible individuals, but mainly to the conditions which prevailed in the twenty-six counties during the Republican campaign. The period of civil strife, happily, has passed away, and henceforward there can be no excuse for laxity in the supervision of public expenditure.

The report contains some interesting examples of the way in which the State can be defrauded in the absence of a rigid system of financial check and control. In the department of Home Affairs one officer was authorised to buy a motor car and was supplied with the sum of £300 for this purpose. The officer in question already possessed a motor car, apparently of doubtful quality, and he solved the problem neatly by selling himself his own car at a price which was higher than its original cost. The Ministry seven months afterwards disposed of this particular motor car for £90. During the civil war period many claims for travelling and subsistence allowances were filed without any vouchers authorising their expenditure, and it seems that a great many small debts were contracted without the sanction of the Ministry for Finance. In some cases personal items were charged on public funds; stores which were taken over by the Civic Guard from the Royal Irish Constabulary were reported as "missing" or "unvouched for," and a certain number of motor cars seems to have disappeared in a mysterious manner. One of the really serious instances of irregular procedure was the treatment of Government funds by local authorities. Some £274,000 was granted to county councils for relief work on approved road schemes. Of this sum, it appears that between £25,000 and £26,000 remained unspent on March 31st, 1923, and, instead of returning the money to the National Exchequer, the local boards actually used it for their own purposes. The report states that the misuse of public funds was due to the fact that the local authorities had not been informed that balances must be sent back to the Treasury. It is an unsatisfactory explanation.

The Free State Government has achieved a degree of national stability which few people would have believed to be possible two years ago, and there is every reason to hope that the country has turned its back finally on conditions which brought it into world-wide disrepute. It is essential now that our national finances shall be placed on a footing of absolute efficiency, and to that end nothing is more important than a well-organised system of disinterested control. The *Dail* Committee is doing excellent work in this connection, and we hope sincerely that its recommendations will receive very careful study from Mr. Blythe. There is no doubt that in the past departmental chiefs have been inclined to over-estimate their financial requirements—probably in the desire to avoid a deficit at the end of the year—and in this way the task of the Finance Minister in preparing his annual Budget has been complicated unnecessarily. Now that a proper system of audit has been established, this bad habit ought to be dropped. Estimates should be pruned and re-pruned to an irreducible *minimum*. Every farthing should be scrutinised with the utmost care with a view to the enforcement of essential economies, and the authorities must treat the slightest irregularity as a matter of the gravest national concern. Only in this way can a healthy economy be attained, and nothing is more damaging to the popularity and *prestige* of a Government than slip-shod methods of public accountancy. The Comptroller and Accountant-General deserves the highest credit for the work which he has done in such a comparatively brief space of time, but his efforts will be of little value unless he has the wholehearted co-operation of every public official in the Free State.

"A Dangerous Structure."

The situation regarding the menace to St. Paul's Cathedral has undergone a somewhat startling change. The City Surveyor has notified the Dean and Chapter that the Cathedral is a "dangerous structure" within the meaning of the Buildings Act. This rather alarming statement really adds nothing to the second interim report of the experts, which was made public a few days ago. It need not be supposed that the Cathedral is in imminent danger of collapse or that any risk attaches to a visit to the historic building. On the other hand, the menace is pressing enough, and the City Surveyor has performed a public service in adding his opinion to the experts' restrained statement of fact. Indeed, the time for the awakening of Londoners to the risk of an irreparable loss was overdue. St. Paul's, though it has been allowed to suffer through thoughtless neglect in the past, is very dear to the hearts of all dwellers in the English capital. Now the Dean and Chapter have issued an appeal for funds to carry out the work which is essential to the security of the structure. In the opinion of the experts a sum of between £120,000 and £140,000 is required, and there can be little doubt that it will be forthcoming. Probably no building in the world is associated more closely with the genius of the Anglo-Saxon race than St. Paul's Cathedral, the last resting place of Nelson, Wellington, and many another of the Empire's most illustrious sons. As the Dean and Chapter urge, the appeal is for something which "will be accepted throughout the English-speaking world as an object of even more than purely national concern."

The Test Match.

The seventh day of the great Test match, which had been followed with so much breathless excitement throughout the world, ended in an anti-climax. The English team, having shown a dauntless spirit in face of a first innings total by Australia which broke all Test Match "records" easily, just failed to stay the course. England suffered defeat by a reasonably large margin, but she went down with her colours flying. The spirit of the visiting eleven, not less than their skill, won the ready admiration of the vast crowd at Melbourne. Now England—to use an expression borrowed from another game—is two down and three to play, but there is no need to despair. The English players showed at Melbourne that they could not be daunted by a position which, theoretically, was hopeless; and now, though faced with the formidable deficit of two defeats, they may be trusted to contest the "rubber" with weakening. Good sportsmen do not complain of bad luck, but the fact remains that in both the matches which have been played England suffered the initial disadvantage of losing the toss. It is permissible to hope that this fate will not pursue her, and, if the position is reversed, we feel justified in believing that defeat yet may be turned into victory. No matter what the final result may be, English cricket has retrieved its reputation and has emerged from the cloud into which it fell after the war. The spirit of friendly rivalry which was shown in the first two matches, and the tremendous interest that was aroused, cannot fail to benefit the greatest of all games.

ATTACK ON THE ATOM.

EXPERIMENTS WITH THE X-RAY.

Professor R. Whiddington, Professor of Physics at Leeds University, has achieved some remarkably interesting results by applying X-rays to the electrons of the atom.

The atom may be compared to the solar system. The nucleus of the atom takes the place of the sun in this system, and the electrons revolve round it. This system of law and order in the constitution of the atom is as perfect as it is in the stellar universe.

The experiments in Sir Ernest Rutherford's laboratory at Cambridge have been mainly concerned with the bombardment of the nucleus of the atom by Alpha particles. Professor Whiddington's preoccupation has been with the electrons that revolve around the nucleus. He found that under the action of the X-rays certain electrons have shot out of the "outer level." This ejection of the electrons from the various orbits in which they are circulating, by the action of the X-rays, is a fascinating achievement. By the aid of photographs it is possible to determine the actual positions of the electrons within the atom. It should be added that the places of the ejected electrons are filled by others.

Professor Whiddington denies the statements attributed to him that, as a result of his secret researches, he had broken down the atom by separating the nucleus from the electrons.

"In common with many other physicists," he said, "I am trying to find out how the electrons are arranged and the constitution of the nucleus. I am just a worker in a small corner of this great field. Our common object is to determine the exact constitution of the atom, so that we can know ultimately what matter is made of."

OBITUARY.

SIR WILLIAM GARSTIN.

The Times announces, with deep regret, that Sir William Edmund Garstin, G.C.M.G., C.B.E., the great Egyptian irrigation engineer, died yesterday at his residence in London, at the age of nearly 76. Sir William had been a British Government Director of the Suez Canal Company since 1907. He entered the Indian Public Works Department in 1873, was sent to Egypt in 1885, and retired from India in 1892, when he became Inspector-General of Irrigation in Egypt. He held, also, in Egypt the offices of Under-Secretary of State for Public Works and Adviser to the Ministry of Public Works.

LIEUTENANT L. H. BURNETT.

News has been received from Bombay of the death from malaria of Lieutenant L. H. F. Burnett, M.C., 1st Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Mr. Burnett was the fourth son of the late Mr. W. F. Burnett, Wimbledon Park, London. He enlisted in the Inniskillings in 1903, and accompanied the first battalion to Gallipoli in 1915, when he held the rank of sergeant-major. He was severely wounded in both arms, and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in the field, and subsequently with promotion to commissioned rank. After the war he went overseas with his old battalion. His death is a great loss to the regiment.

KILDARE HUNT BALL.

A PLEASANT FUNCTION.

The annual ball organised by the members of the County Kildare Hunt Club, held last night in the Town Hall, Naas, was one of the most successful reunions held by the club since pre-war days. There was a large muster of members and their friends from the surrounding hunt clubs, the music was supplied by Manahan's string band, and from every point of view the occasion was a pleasant and enjoyable one. The decorations and other details were supervised by Captain Tea Burgh, Mrs. De Burgh, Mrs. Sweetnam, Mrs. Pratt, Miss Wolfe, and Miss Brown.

The attendance included:—Baron de Robeck, Miss Murray, General Sir Bryan and Lady Mahon, Colonel and Mrs. Blacker, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Colonel Connally, Major and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Sweetnam, Mrs. Edward Kennedy, the Misses Kennedy, Mr. B. H. Barton, Miss Barton, Mr. D. and Mr. R. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Odlum, Captain and Mrs. Dunne, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Dalgety, Miss Laidlaw and party, Colonel Honner, Captain and Mrs. De Burgh, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. More O'Ferrall and party, and Mr. Lockwood, M.F.H.

MR. RUNCIMAN AND LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

Addressing Young Liberals at a rally arranged by the Radical group in London last night, Mr. Walter Runciman, after referring to Liberal policy and principles, declared that leadership, honest, intelligent, and unembarrassed, was of great importance and essential to the Liberal Party more than to any other, for they depended, not upon class interests, or trade organisations, or federations of trade unions, but purely and simply on an appeal to reason, sympathy and honesty. Those qualities must be personified in Liberal leaders if they were to succeed. Morality and politics were closely interwoven, and the one was ineffective without the other. The politics which Liberals pursued aroused the best fighting instincts of honorable men, but they were not a game, and they were degraded when they were taken into the atmosphere of the market place and support was bought and sold. The tone of Liberalism he added, must be high, its methods pure, as well as skilful, and its money clean.

AMENDING COMPANY LAW.

The President of the British Board of Trade has appointed a Committee to consider and report what amendments are desirable in the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917.

The Committee is constituted as follows:—Mr. Wilfrid Greene, K.C., Chairman; Mr. A. Andrews-Uthwatt, the Hon. R. H. Brand, C.M.G.; Mr. Harold Brown, Mr. Archibald H. Campbell, Mr. William Cash, F.C.A.; Mr. F. R. Eddison, C.M.G.; Sir Edward Manville, Sir James Martin, Mr. W. E. Mortimer, Mr. Arthur Stiebel, and Mr. R. Hugh Tennant.

The secretary to the Committee is Mr. W. W. Coombs, M.B.E., Board of Trade, Great George street, London, S.W. 1, to whom all communications should be addressed.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

Prince Henry was to have arrived to-day at Bowhill on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, but has been obliged to postpone his visit for a few days, and will not reach Selkirk till next Tuesday. During his stay in the North he will fulfil several engagements, including his promise to attend the subscription ball in Edinburgh in aid of the Merchant Seamen's charities.

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Princess Beatrice, who is deriving much benefit from her stay in Cape Town, is taking a great interest in various local movements. On Wednesday she attended the opening of a Wild Flower Exhibition in the City Hall, where she was accorded a very hearty welcome.

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The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn are entertaining the following house party at Baronscourt, County Tyrone:—Colonel Fakenham, Mrs. Molloy, Major Hammond Smith, Mr. and Miss Chichester, Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon, and Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Oscar Henderson.

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Though the Duchess of Atholl has been ordered a complete rest, she intends to keep her engagements in the North of Ireland next week, and will address two meetings in Belfast on Tuesday. During her stay she will be the guest of the Prime Minister and Lady Craig. Sir James Craig celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday yesterday at Stormont Castle.

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Señor da Gama, the Brazilian Ambassador in London, has now retired, and, with Madame da Gama, will leave England to-day for Brazil in the ss. Arlanza. Lord Cecil Manners, Sir Hugo and Lady FitzHerbert, Sir George and Lady Sutton, and Lady Rhodes will travel in the same ship. The Duc of Orleans, Viscount Cobham, the Hon. Lady Lloyd-Mostyn, Miss Rhona Lloyd-Mostyn, Sir George Abercromby and Sir John and Lady Ramsden were among the passengers who left yesterday on the ss. Guildford Castle for Port Sudan and Montasa.

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The Marquis of Salisbury met with an accident while hunting on Wednesday with Major Smith-Bosanquet's hounds near Hatfield. When jumping a fence, his horse fell, throwing the rider, who sustained slight concussion, as well as several cuts and bruises on the head and face. He was taken at once to Hatfield, where he is now doing well.

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The Earl of Lauderdale left yesterday by the Mauretania for New York, and will join the Countess of Lauderdale at Palm Beach, where they will remain for some time. Lord Beauchamp has left London for Rome. Lord and Lady Huntingfield are on their way to New York. Lord Ashburton will start shortly for Colombo, and Lady Ashburton intends to visit her relations in New York.

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Among the latest arrivals at Mentone are Lady Louisa Hamilton, Lady Allerton, the Hon. Lady White-Thomson, Sir Burton Chadwick, Lady Dixon and Rear-Admiral and Mrs. F. Clifton Brown. The Duchess of Oporto, Sir Coleridge and Lady Kennard and Sir William Morris Carter are staying at Cannes. Adèle Lady Meyer has left London for Sydney. Sir William Goulding has arrived at Monte Carlo.

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The County Kildare Hunt Club last night held its annual ball in the Town Hall, Naas. A large company assembled. The music was supplied by Mr. Manahan's string band.

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Mr. James Smith has returned to 62 Lower Mount street.

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Mr. R. V. Slattery has left Dublin for six weeks.

Two Special Sale Offers from Switzer's Costume Gallery—Navy Tricotine and Repp Coats and Skirts (copies of French Models), from £4 19s. 6d.; Irish Tweed Costumes for Sports and Country Wear, £2 19s. 6d. and £3 19s. 6d.

Switzer's Sale—Special value in Ladies' Chubbies and Militaire Umbrellas, 8s. 11d. each.

At Holmes' Sale—Clearance of all Fashion Models. Rich Furs, Gowns, Wrap Coats, and Tailor-mades. Drastic Reductions.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

At Holmes' Sale—Hundreds of Remnants and Oddments half price.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Gt. George's st.

At Madame Renée's Genuine Reduction Sale there are some wonderful bargains in Gowns, Coats, Millinery, etc.—Harry street (off Grafton street).

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals—Mrs. J. J. Nicholl, Maud F. M. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Verner, Miss Eileen O'Connor, Harold Hillyard, E. N. P. Goff, Herbert Wilson, K.C.; Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon.

Departures—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Murphy, Master S. Barry Murphy, Mrs. William Harding, Miss F. K. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hearne, Miss R. P. Gunning, Miss D. Brunton, Mrs. James Levey and Miss Lorna Levey, Miss Lane Joynt, Mr. and Mrs. William E. O'Reilly, William Davin, T.D.; Senator McEvoy, John Haworth, Miss M. F. A. Pilgrim, F. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Smyth, Commandant and Mrs. McDonnell, W. H. Capstick, Mrs. P. Muller, Mrs. A. Geoffrey Jenkins, Miss Daphne Hayburst, H. Gill.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Winter Sale, this and coming days. Write for Price List.

The Mansfield Sisters—Great Sale now on. Don't miss the bargains to be had in Millinery, Furs, Gowns and Sports Wear.—23 Wicklow street.

A Great Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-class Clothing and Outfitting now on. Genuine Bargains at "Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

Furniture Stored in our new Fireproof Depository.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

All Millinery reduced to less than cost, next few days.—M. Cathcart, 26 Dawson street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

*General Inference.—The trough of low pressure crossing the British Isles will cause some rain or showers in all districts, but there will be bright interv

MARTIAL LAW IN ITALY.

THE OPPOSITION MUZZLED.

RAIDS EXCUSED.

INTERVIEW WITH SIGNOR MAFFI.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Thursday.

Italy has been placed under martial or militia law. The fact is only thinly disguised by the decision of the Mussolini Cabinet, which gave Prefects permission to take any emergency measures deemed necessary for the internal safety and peace of the country. This is interpreted by the Prefects to mean that they may take any measures, no matter if no judicial Statutes exist authorising them to act.

With this decision made by the Cabinet, Signor Mussolini has made good his threat that he would muzzle the Opposition within forty-eight hours. To-day, so far as public utterances are concerned, there is no Opposition.

The general political atmosphere of Rome, however, is not healthy. The mute protests of the Liberals against Signor Mussolini's tactics seem to hang like a sullen pall over the ancient city. Meanwhile the strong, but not silent, leader of the Fascists, whose position to-day amounts to that of absolute Dictator, excuses these measures on the grounds that, whatever happens, Italy must not be reduced to the unstable party government which existed before the advent of Fascism, and gave birth to wavering and compromising Cabinets that were unwilling to take a firm stand on any vital issue.

Signor Maffio Maffi, chief of Mussolini's Press department, excuses the raids on the Opposition Press on the grounds that they were trying the Matteotti murders out of court, and were disclosing in their columns documents prepared for evidence in the trial.

In answer to-day to a direct question, Signor Maffi gave me assurance that when the slayers of Matteotti come to trial there will not be any attempt by the Mussolini Government to hide evidence or prevent the publication of full details of the trial.

Until the case does come to trial, however, Signor Maffi declared that there will be no more circulation of evidence gathered by the Opposition Press in an attempt to convict the Fascist leader of the murder before the judges have sifted the testimony.

I give this promise for what it is worth, but it is interesting in this connection to remember that the Minister for Justice, Signor Oviglio, resigned without giving any reason for his action. Signor Mussolini's opponents declare that the resignation was prompted by attempts on the part of the Government to rush the case through the courts, and thus prevent mention of Signor Mussolini's name during the hearing.

OPPOSITION'S APPEAL.

ROME, Friday.

An appeal to the country by the Opposition has been issued. It begins in striking fashion. "The extreme phase," it says, "between the Fascist domination and the country has begun. The constitutional mask of normalisation has fallen."

The manifesto proceeds to enumerate the alleged violation of the law and the Constitution committed by the Government, which, it says, has been "suffocating the free voice of the Press, suppressing the right of meeting, mobilising the armed forces of the one party, and persecuting associations of citizens, while tolerating or leaving unpunished acts of devastation and incendiarism committed to the detriment of their opponents."

The manifesto protests against the allegation that the Aventine Opposition is a seditious conspiracy, and emphasises the justice of the cause of the Opposition.

In conclusion, it remarks that Signor Mussolini's challenge to them to impeach him before the Senate under Article 47 of the Constitution is valueless, as it is inconceivable that his own majority in the Upper House should uphold the impeachment.—(Reuter.)

CHINESE SITUATION.

THREAT TO CANTON.

HONG KONG, Thursday.

Sun Yat-Sen's son, Sun-Fo, who has returned to Canton on a special mission, in the course of a statement to a Press representative announced that he was consulting the military leaders with a view to a readjustment of affairs. He expressed optimism in regard to the forthcoming national conferences. Meanwhile, Chen Chiung-Ming, Sun's rival, is again preparing to attack Canton, which is hurriedly making preparations for defence.—(*Times* Correspondent.)

AEROPLANES FOR TURKEY.

CONCESSION TO A GERMAN COMPANY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

The Junkers Aeroplane Company of Germany will establish a large aeroplane factory in Turkey this summer. The Turkish Government has decided to give the Junkers Company a concession to carry on commercial air service in Turkey, in preference to a Franco-Roumanian air line. In return the Company has agreed to construct near Angora a modern aeroplane factory to build all-metal Junker aeroplanes for the Turkish Army and Navy, and to maintain training schools for pilots and mechanics.

The Junkers Company demanded that the contract should stipulate for the construction of a thousand fighting aeroplanes, but the Turkish Government replied that the number of machines ordered yearly must depend on the finances of the country.

The Franco-Roumanian Company also offered to establish an aeroplane factory in Anatolia, but the Turkish Army and Navy want exclusively all-metal aeroplanes, and only the Junkers Company could show to the Turkish Government that it had had considerable experience in building them.

The Turkish Government will give the Junkers Company a concession on all the Bauxite mines in Anatolia for the production of aluminium, also certain oil and refining concessions for its air services.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO BROADCAST.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

THE HAGUE, Thursday.

The Dutch Government is about to introduce a bill for the imposition of a radio tax, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the cost of general broadcasting by wireless. It is intended to organise a company for broadcasting concerts and news. All the profits will revert to the National Exchequer after the expenses have been paid.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

COMMITTEE'S SECOND INTERIM REPORT.

OFFICIAL'S PROFIT ON MOTOR CAR.

The second *interim* report of the Committee of Public Accounts set up by Dail Eireann to examine whether Government expenditure in the Irish Free State was in conformity with authority, has been published. It covers the years 1922-1923, during the greater portion of which "warfare raged in the country."

The Committee points to the desirability of having a final report on public accounts by the beginning of every August, and explains why it found it necessary to issue *interim* reports. It says:—"The Committee has been confronted with many important and complicated questions arising out of the Army accounts for the year under review, and, notwithstanding its efforts to dispose of these, and to include in this report a survey of the Army account, it finds itself unable to do so. The remaining accounts, on the other hand, have been finished, and it is important that the report of the Committee on them should be issued without further delay. It is proposed, therefore, to exclude the Army account and deal with it in a final report."

Having pointed out the dangers of departmental over-estimating of expenditure, the Committee goes on to impress upon the accounting officers the serious personal responsibilities attaching to their office. It states, however, that, in spite of inexperience and heavy pressure of business at the beginning, the Comptroller-General and the Auditor-General reported that the staffs rapidly accommodated themselves to the new state of things, and that the accounts' branches of the various departments attained a high standard of accuracy and efficiency.

Many items in particular accounts are dealt with in the report. None of the cases investigated could be described as of major importance. There is raised the question of whether an officer of the Civic Guard, who wishes to get a particular type of motor car, can contribute the difference between the price and that allowed by the authorities. On this the Committee say that in future a less expensive type of motor car should be supplied. The price of the car in the particular case investigated was £1,114.

The change-over of the stores of the Royal Irish Constabulary and the methods of checking adopted are dealt with at some length, but that, of course, is something that will not happen again. The severe strain thrown on the then British service, the Board of Works, in 1922, is given as an excuse for any shortcomings in checking and examination of the transferred property.

The methods adopted during the year under review for the allocation of relief grants for unemployment, and the utilisation of unexpended balances of same are discussed, and the Committee suggests that the Ministry of Finance should submit to them a statement showing how those balances left in the hands of local authorities had been disposed of.

Dealing with the accounts of the Ministry for Home Affairs (as it was then), the report states:—"The attention of the Committee was directed to the purchase of a motor car, to be used in a special service. Authority had been obtained beforehand from the Ministry of Finance for the purchase of such a car of the value of £900. The money was given to the officer for whose use the car was intended, with instructions to purchase a suitable car. In the purchase the officer in fact sold to the Department his own car, at a price apparently in excess of its cost when new, and above its market value. The Department seems to have been misinformed as to the model and value. Finally, the car was sold by the Department, seven months later, at the price of £90. The Committee cannot express any satisfaction in connection with this transaction. The conduct of the officer, for whose use the car was intended, seems reprehensible to the point of meriting disciplinary action, and the Committee would refer the case to the Ministry, to ascertain whether any remedies are available against him."

Dealing with the cost of the Publicity Department of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Committee says that it was left clear why certain activities were undertaken by a Ministry whose sole function is to deal with foreign matters. The report goes on:—"If a decision is taken to continue the service of publicity under this Ministry the Committee is of opinion that the estimates and appropriation accounts should show what moneys are allocated to home publicity and what to foreign."

IRISH FREE STATE AND FRANCE.

NEW TRADE DEVELOPMENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

An Irish Chamber of Commerce will shortly be opened in Paris, the first general assembly being held on January 18th, when the President and officers for the coming term will be elected.

The Chamber was organised on the initiative of Mr. Vaughan Dempsey, the Agent-General in France, for the Irish Free State, and is the first Irish Chamber of Commerce to be stablished in a foreign country.

The Council of Administration is at present composed of 15 French and 13 Irish business men, and the principal effort of the Chamber in the beginning will be the encouragement of direct trade between the two countries. Hitherto trade with Ireland has been centralised in London and Liverpool, but it is felt that the new status of the Free State, with a separate fiscal system, Customs, etc., requires that this large current of trade should flow through direct channels.—(Reuter.)

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

THE LATEST POSTPONEMENT ORDER.

The Free State Minister for Local Government and Public Health has issued an Order postponing local elections as follows:—

1. County Councils, County Borough Councils, Borough Councils, Urban Councils, and Town Commissioners to the 19th March, 1925.
2. Rural District Councils and Guardians in Urban Districts to the 24th March, 1925.

In order to avoid misapprehension, it is to be understood, says a document issued by the Publicity Department, that if the Local Government Bill, now before the Oireachtas, is passed no elections of Rural District Councils or Guardians in Urban Districts will take place, except in Dublin County.

The date may, however, be subject to variation, consequential on the date on which a final decision is taken by the Oireachtas on the Local Government Bill.

Where a local authority has been dissolved, and its powers and duties transferred to a Commissioner, the Order will not apply. An election to such a local authority will only take place where the Minister so directs.

IRISH EGG TRADE.

MR. HITCHINS EXPLAINS.

Considerable publicity was given in the Irish Press to a statement affecting the Irish egg trade, reported to have been made last month by Mr. D. Hitchins, poultry expert, Usk Agricultural Institution, in a speech at a meeting of farmers at Abergavenny. The statement was to the effect that a consignment of eggs sent from Poland to London, which was unsaleable then, owing to fifty per cent. of the eggs being bad, was forwarded to Ireland, re-packed there, and sent back and sold in Great Britain at a good price.

The Irish Department of Agriculture had every reason to doubt the accuracy of the statement, which, if not refuted, was calculated to injure the Irish egg trade. At the instance of the Department, inquiries were made into the matter by the High Commissioner for the Irish Free State. These inquiries have shown that there is no foundation in fact for the statement, and Mr. Hitchins has explained that his speech was incorrectly reported.

The operation of the Agricultural Produce (Eggs) Act, 1924, which comes into force this year, will afford further security to consignees as to the genuineness of eggs exported from the Irish Free State.

CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

REPORT EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY.

PRIVATE MEETINGS.

NEED FOR SECRECY URGED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

The outlook of the conference of Finance Ministers here has changed to-day suddenly, and there appears some prospect that it will have completed its task on Tuesday or Wednesday next, and that Mr. Churchill may be able to return for a Cabinet Council in London on Thursday.

One must hope this anticipation expressed by the French Minister of Finance to-day is based upon progress made in the private conversations continued last night and throughout to-day. It was the intention last night to divide the work of the conference among special sub-committees, each concentrating on one subject of the programme. This morning, however, Mr. Churchill was invited by M. Clementel to a conference at the Ministry of Finance at which it was decided to abandon this idea in favour of a series of private conferences in which it is hoped to thrash out agreements in principle upon the most important questions.

THE LARGER ISSUES.

These questions, it was urged, fell into natural divisions, in which only particular groups of powers are chiefly interested, and in which the smaller States represented at the conference are more remotely concerned.

M. Clementel particularly pressed this point of view, and is so impressed by the need of secrecy in the handling of these chief items of the programme, that it is proposed to maintain absolute silence with regard to the particular members attending these private conferences and to the subjects under discussion.

There was, this afternoon, a meeting of delegates representing "The Big Six," at which the procedure was approved, and second, attended by all the delegations, at which it was finally adopted.

To-morrow and Saturday will be devoted to a series of private discussions, and on Monday it is hoped to prepare a general report which will be submitted to plenary sittings of the Conference on Monday and Tuesday.

FURTHER TALKS.

It is much to be questioned whether the representatives of the smaller Powers will be content with such a procedure.

The report of the Committee of Experts was circulated this morning, and already the delegates of Rumania, Greece, and Czecho-Slovakia, are complaining that on a number of matters of importance to their Governments conclusions have been adopted without their having been heard, and they desire to present their claims.

In order to give them an opportunity, the Committee will, therefore, meet on Sunday, and report to the Conference on the following day. It does not appear that any decision has yet been arrived at as the result of to-day's exchange of views.

At this morning's meeting between Mr. Churchill and the French Minister of Finance, the question of the Inter-Allied debts was not reverted to. The question of the debts remains where it was last night.

A problem on which urgent efforts are being made to arrive at an understanding is that of America's participation in German payments. Up to this evening they have not been successful, but negotiations are continuing with hope. Last evening Sir Otto Niemeyer, of the Treasury, and Mr. Logan, one of the American delegates, were in conference until a late hour, and the conversation has been continued to-day.

They are said to be proceeding on the lines of a proposal, according to which the United States' claim would be admitted under an arrangement, by which the cost of the American occupation on the Rhine, amounting to £50,000,000, and the £70,000,000 claimed under the head of Reparations, should be bracketed together, and spread over a period of 25 or 30 years.

All that may be said with certainty at the moment is that no decision has been arrived at. It is clear that if the Anglo-American difference can be adjusted, the way would be immediately smoothed towards a general agreement in regard both to the profits of the Ruhr occupation and the division of the German annuities.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

BRITISH REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT.

GENEVA, Thursday.

The British Government has requested the adjournment for a week of the Opium Conference, which was to have taken place on January 12th, as a result of the accident which the Marquis of Salisbury met with in the hunting field yesterday.

The Marquis of Salisbury was to be the principal British representative at the Conference.—(Reuter.)

GAS PERIL.

FOUR PERSONS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

Four people were placed in Sheffield Royal Infirmary yesterday as the result of gas poisoning. They are John Newbould, labourer, of Sheffield; his wife, his three-year-old son, and a next-door neighbour, Mrs. Edith Fearnley. Newbould got up to go to work early yesterday, and lighted the gas in the living room. His wife, not hearing the bang of the door at the time he ought to leave, became suspicious, and going downstairs found her husband lying on the hearth unconscious. The place smelt strongly of gas. The woman knocked for neighbours, and then collapsed. Mrs. Fearnley, responding to the knock, went to the house and discovered the husband and wife lying on the floor. She went upstairs and found the child also apparently suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. She raised the alarm and, having obtained the assistance of other neighbours, collapsed. All four are in a serious condition.

HIDDEN CHURCH TREASURES.

RUSSIAN CHURCH DIGNITARIES ARRESTED.

RIGA, Thursday.

The Kieff Cheka has arrested fifteen church dignitaries in connection with the discovery of church valuables which had been hidden from the Soviet. The Commissar, Ivanoff, accuses the Archimandrite Clement, head of the Petcherskaya Lavra Monastery, of having directed the concealment of the valuables, with the assistance of the Archimandrite Makarius and the Abbot Eustracius.

AMERICA AND THE WORLD COURT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

A resolution, proposing the entry of the United States into the World Court, was introduced in Congress to-day by Senator Willis. The resolution carries a provision embodying President Coolidge's recommendation that the United States shall not be bound by the advisory opinion of the Court.—(Reuter.)

EARTHQUAKE ON THE CONTINENT.

PANIC IN SWISS VILLAGES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA, Thursday.

Serious earthquakes occurred in the western part of Switzerland at a quarter to four o'clock this morning. The shocks seem to have been most felt along the foot of the Jura Mountains, and were particularly violent at Fleurier, near Neuchatel, where the inhabitants fled from their houses in panic.

People were shaken in their beds, glasses and bottles rattled in the cupboards, and pictures were displaced. Reports from Berne and Basel state that the shocks were accompanied by subterranean noises.

The shocks are reported to have been felt in several places in Germany.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

Strong earthquake shocks, travelling from east to west, were felt throughout Eastern France between 2.40 and 2.50 a.m. to-day. Reports from Belfort, Mulhouse, Remiremont, and Chalons show that these were the towns most seriously affected.

WOOD-RENTON COMMISSION.

EXTENSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE.

The warrant explaining and extending the scope of the terms of reference of the Wood-Renton Commission, which is investigating claims for compensation for destruction of, or injury to, property in the Irish Free State between January 21, 1919, and July 11, 1921, was signed by the Governor-General of the Free State yesterday.

The Commissioners are authorised and empowered by warrant to assume that martial law prevailed in every part of the Free State throughout the period mentioned above. The warrant declares that the fly words in the original terms of reference—namely, destruction or injuries which were the result of action taken by order of the military authorities under martial law and would, but for the existence of martial law, have been the subject of such a claim as aforesaid," are to be read and understood as covering destruction of, or injuries to, property, which were the result of action taken by British military and police forces, whether such forces were acting under orders from superior officers or not.

The Commissioners are empowered to inquire into and determine claims under the British Indemnity Act of 1920, as if such claims were made before the War Compensation Court under that Act. For this purpose the Indemnity Act is considered as if it were amended in certain respects. The most important of these is the omission from Part II. of the schedule of the words which exclude from compensation any person whose conduct rendered it necessary for the public safety that his legal rights should be infringed.

There is also omitted the provision requiring that notice of claim must be given within a year. Claims arising out of the Restoration of Order Act, 1920, now come within the terms of reference of the Commission. The latest date for lodging claims under the existing terms of reference, as here explained and extended," is January 31st, 1925. Claims are to be lodged at the Offices of the Commission, 5 Ely place, Dublin.

PINK PEARL RING RETURNED

SEQUEL TO THE LONG ISLAND ROBBERY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

It is reported to-day that a pink pearl ring valued at £5,000, part of £25,000 worth of jewellery stolen from the Long Island home of Mr. J. S. Coeden, a host of the Prince of Wales and Colonel and Lady Louis Mountbatten during their recent visit, has been recovered.

A mysterious stranger, it is said, offered to produce the ring if an insurance company paid £4,000 and no questions were asked. Two other articles of the stolen jewellery, a ruby bracelet and a ring, are expected to be returned.

It is declared that a member of an international gang said: "Those I represent want to finish up this deal before the value of the dollar falls lower."

INDIGNANT COMMUNIST.

ARRESTED WITH A FALSE PASSPORT.

BERLIN, Thursday.

Great amusement was caused in the Reichstag this afternoon by the reading out by the President, Herr Loebe, of a telegram from the Communist Deputy, Herr Katz, protesting against his arrest in Vienna through which he was travelling incognito.

It was remarked by the President that Herr Katz had used a false passport, which was manufactured in the Communist Party's printing works in Berlin, where such documents are forged wholesale.—(Reuter.)

THE GERMAN CRISIS.

DR. MARX'S CABINET OF CARETAKERS.

BERLIN, Thursday.

In view of the foreign political situation, President Ebert to-day has asked Dr. Marx, the Imperial Chancellor, to form a Cabinet as quickly as possible. The latter, therefore, proposes to constitute an emergency Government without delay.

Dr. Stresemann, the retiring Foreign Minister, will be missing from the new Cabinet, in accordance with the decision of the People's Party, of which he is the chief, not to participate in any Government from which the German Nationalist Party is excluded. Dr. Marx, in addition to retaining the Chancellorship, will assume the portfolio of Foreign Affairs temporarily.

Another retiring Minister who will not join the new Cabinet is Dr. Jaurres, the Vice-Chancellor and Minister of the Interior, who also is a member of the People's Party. It is Dr. Marx's intention to fill the vacant posts by promoting the under secretaries of the departments involved, if he is unable to recruit suitable representatives of the parties which are willing to support this business Government.

The new Administration will certainly have to face bitter opposition in the Reichstag from the extreme Nationalists and the Communists, although the People's Party may occasionally show hostility. On the other hand, the Government will be able to rely upon the benevolent neutrality of the Socialists, the certain support of the Centre Party and the Democrats, and the probable assistance of the Economic Party and the Hanoverians. Even so, the Government's position would be extremely precarious, as the votes of all of the small parties in the Reichstag would be sufficient to turn the scales against the Administration.—(Reuter.)

BRITISH SCHOONER SEIZED

A RUM-RUNNING CHARGE.

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY (By Mail).

The captain and five members of the crew of the British schooner Patara, seized off the Jersey coast the day before Christmas, with, it is alleged $200,000 worth of liquor aboard, have been held for a hearing before a United States Commissioner. The six, all residents of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, are charged with conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

The captain was released in $1,500 bail, and members of the crew gained their liberty on bail of $1,000 each.

The Patara is alleged to have sold some of her stores to rum-running shore boats before she ventured into territorial waters.—(Reuter.)

TEST MATCH COMMENTS.

ENGLISH CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE.

"BRIMFUL OF FIGHT"

ATTENDANCE OF OVER 200,000.

The seven-day Test Match at Melbourne, which resulted in a victory for the Australians by 81 runs, is still a topic of general interest in sporting circles.

Interviewed after the match, Mr. Collins, the Australian captain, said that it was one of the greatest struggles ever known in cricket, and he congratulated the Englishmen on their magnificent uphill fight. "I paid a warm tribute to Sutcliffe, whose display in both innings, when runs were badly needed, was wonderful.

Mr. Collins added—"He is one of the most solid batsmen that has ever visited Australia." He also said that Hobbs had given a great exhibition, and that Tate's bowling was magnificent; and he further expressed the opinion that winning the toss just about turned the scale in favour of Australia.

Mr. Gilligan, the English captain, in an interview, stated that the English team were not down-hearted, but are brimful of fight and confident after their excellent performance. "Tell England," he added, "I shall win the toss in the next three Test Matches."

The aggregate attendance for the match was 235,358, and the receipts £22,499.

Sutcliffe's performance in the match was a remarkable one. He batted for six hours and 19 minutes, and his masterly defensive innings of 127 included a dozen fours.

Reuter's Special Correspondent says that the Yorkshireman must have broken all Test records in the amount of work he performed during the match. Sutcliffe was at the wicket altogether for exactly 13½ hours, and was only absent from the field of play for an hour and 26 minutes, during which time his colleagues added 85 runs.

Lord Forster, the Governor-General, congratulated the winners on their victory, and complimented the Englishmen on the fine fight they had made.

AUSTRALIAN VIEWS.

ENGLAND'S SPORTSMAN-LIKE FIGHT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The time occupied in play in the whole Test match was 29 hours 18 minutes, and of that period Sutcliffe was on the field for 27 hours 53 minutes.

The *Argus* says that the game was worthy of the interest it aroused. It was surely the most remarkable ever played in Australia, with its fluctuating fortunes, high scores, and brilliant batting on both sides, and since then I have lived through ten thousand hells."

Alderman Welby went on to contend that he had been the victim of prejudices, and again asserted his innocence. "I was not guilty, I swear it," he added. "Dear old city, but there is absolutely no logical justification for the removal of this statue of Queen Victoria, designed for and completed by a sympathetic setting. Why should this statue, so properly placed prominently in the Royal Palace of Westminster, be dethroned from its now historic site and relegated to a position not considered suitable for a modern sculptural war memorial? It would be a deplorable precedent if serious works of art of one generation are to be subject to removal at the dictates of another.

DEATH OF PIONEER MEDICAL WOMAN.

The Times announces the death at Nice of Dr. Lilias Hamilton, one of the pioneer medical women of the latter half of the last century, and at one time physician to the Court of the Ameer of Afghanistan. In recent years she had been Warden of Studley Horticultural College for Women.

ARMY MANŒUVRES IN INDIA.

AFGHAN OFFICERS TO BE PRESENT.

DELHI, Thursday.

Great interest is being taken in the military manœuvres on a large scale, which are to begin on the 15th January in the vicinity of Delhi, and will last for three days. The operations will include an artillery demonstration on the 19th, and will be followed on the 21st by a grand review at the new cantonments, when the Viceroy will take the salute.

The scheme of operations provides for the defence of Delhi by a "khaki" force, under the command of Major-General C. J. Deverell, against an attacking "blue" force, commanded by Major-General Sir William Thompson. About 35,000 men will be engaged, with nearly 100 guns and numerous aeroplanes, armoured cars, etc., while thirty umpires will assist Major-General G. N. Corry, Deputy Chief of the General Staff, who will act as chief umpire.

Representatives of the Afghan Army will witness the operations, and special invitations have been issued by the military authorities to Indian newspapers to send representatives. Lieutenant-General Sir John O'Shea, the Adjutant-General, is giving a special popular lecture on January 14th, the eve of the operations, in which he will explain the manœuvres.—(Reuter.)

QUEEN VICTORIA STATUE.

SCULPTORS' SOCIETY'S PROTEST.

Mr. W. Reynolds-Stephens, President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, writes, in a letter to *The Times*:—I am requested by my Council of the Royal Society of British Sculptors to add our protest to that so ably made in the House of Lords by Lord Crawford, and so rightly brought forward by Lord Beauchamp in his letter, and supported by our brother sculptors. On all sides regret is expressed at the artistic loss to London by the demolition of Nash's, Regent street. That may be justified by inevitable necessities of the growth of a great city, but there is absolutely no logical justification for the removal of this statue of Queen Victoria, designed for and completed by a sympathetic setting. Why should this statue, so properly placed prominently in the Royal Palace of Westminster, be dethroned from its now historic site and relegated to a position not considered suitable for a modern sculptural war memorial? It would be a deplorable precedent if serious works of art of one generation are to be subject to removal at the dictates of another.

RUSSIAN PREMIER'S HORSE EATEN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MOSCOW, Thursday.

When Premier Rykov, of Russia, went upon a tour of inspection of the new famine area recently, it is reported that he left his horse outside the Government buildings at Simbirsk.

When he was ready to proceed on his journey Premier Rykov found that the hungry Simbirskans had killed and eaten his horse, thus teaching the Premier an easy lesson in Russian famine conditions.

AMERICA'S AIR DEFENCES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Davis, Assistant Secretary for War, in giving evidence before the House Aircraft Committee, expressed the opinion that the American Air Service was equal to any in the world, technically and in personnel. America's weakness, he said, was in lack of material and in the small number of flyers. While the present Air Service was inadequate to protect the country from a hostile fleet, no fleet, he added, could approach American shores with sufficient aircraft carriers to become a menace.—(Reuter.)

I never patronise anything.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

Cain's lease of the earth has a long remainder to run; I am content to believe he has no freehold.—Mr. Conal O'Riordan.

Mrs. James Harvey, wife of a Sunderland labourer, gave birth on Saturday to triplets—three sons—all of which are doing well. She has nine other children.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

ANOTHER BUSINESS MAN WITHDRAWS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

Finding himself unable, for business reasons, to accept the invitation of the constituency convention to become a Government candidate for North Dublin in the approaching by-elections, Mr. P. J. Lawrence, the managing director of the Irish-American Oil Company, yesterday sent a letter to that effect to Mr J. J. Walsh, the Postmaster-General.

Mr. Lawrence is the second business man to decline the invitation of the Ministerial Party to become one of its nominees in the coming elections: the other is Mr. C. J. McGloughlin, who was selected as a candidate for South Dublin. Another constituency Convention must now be summoned to find a substitute for Mr. Lawrence.

To-night the Executive Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal meets to ratify, or otherwise, the selections already made by the coastituency Conventions.

For some time past the Irish Labour Party has, as previously announced in these columns, been considering the question of nominating candidates in the by-elections. It is now officially announced that two Labour Conventions will be held within the next fortnight to make a decision on the matter, so far as three constituencies, at least, are concerned. One of these Conventions will be held in Kilkenny next Sunday and the other in Dublin on the 16th inst.

Referring to the report appearing in a contemporary yesterday, that the Labour Party had, "it appears, made up its mind not to put forward any candidates," Mr. J. P. Mortished, the Secretary of the Party, writes:—"This assumption is quite erroneous. The Constitution of the Labour Party lays down a definite procedure for the selection of candidates for elections, and this involves the summoning of constituency Conferences representative of the trades unions in the area concerned. Two such Conferences have already been summoned."

Having mentioned the Conferences, to which reference has been made above, Mr. Mortished adds—"So far from Labour having already made up its mind to take no part in the by-elections, I anticipate that the decision will be to nominate candidates."

At a meeting of the Executive of the Dublin Labour Party last night a resolution was passed calling upon the forthcoming constituency Convention to contest the vacant seats in Dublin.

ALDERMAN PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE.

LETTER FROM PRISON CELL.

Alderman Fred Wilby, of Dewsbury, who some months ago was sent to prison in the second division, for two years, on a charge of receiving stolen property, last night resigned his position on the Dewsbury Town Council.

In a long letter from Armley Jail, he stoutly protests his innocence, and observed: "I cannot offer you a broken sword, but I can tender you a broken heart. Sixty-three years old, hair grey, eyes dim, memory failing, deaf, I ask you to judge the tree by the fruit it has borne. Think over my actions in public, private and commercial life, and see if there is ever any one action that would lead you to believe I should be a receiver of stolen property, well knowing it to have been stolen. Think of me writing in a prison cell a letter like this. Then look back to July 9th the last time I left home one of the best known and respected public and commercial men for miles round. Is truth stranger than fiction? In a few hours I was dropped from Heaven into the depths of hell, and since then I have lived through ten thousand hells."

Alderman Welby went on to contend that he had been the victim of prejudices, and again asserted his innocence. "I was not guilty, I swear it," he added. "Dear old city, but there is absolutely no logical justification for the removal of this statue of Queen Victoria, designed for and completed by a sympathetic setting. Why should this statue, so properly placed prominently in the Royal Palace of Westminster, be dethroned from its now historic site and relegated to a position not considered suitable for a modern sculptural war memorial? It would be a deplorable precedent if serious works of art of one generation are to be subject to removal at the dictates of another.

NO TRANSATLANTIC FAVOURITISM.

THE PREFERENCE SYSTEM ABOLISHED.

NEW YORK (By Mail).

The leading Transatlantic passenger lines have abolished the preference system, whereby socially or professionally prominent people have been able to cross the ocean in first-class accommodation upon payment of steerage rates of fare.

The action was taken by the Transatlantic Passenger Conference, representing the United States Line, the United American, North German-Lloyd, Cunard, White Star, and French Lines.

Officials said that "preference" passengers had come to comprise upwards of 50 per cent. of all first-class traffic; that abolition of preferences would save the steamship operators hundreds of thousands of dollars every year; and that actors and society folk, who almost invariably travelled "preference" because of their publicity value to the lines, would be hardest hit by the new *régime*.

"It has come to pass that a ship with first class from 100 to 125 of this number on carried from 100 to 125 of this number on third class fares," explained an official. "The new order means that everyone will pay for the accommodation he or she gets, and there will be no favourites."—(Reuter.)

MR. COOLIDGE'S RETURN.

ELECTION FIGURES ANALYSED.

WASHINGTON.

Complete official returns show that President Coolidge polled more votes in the November election than his two principal competitors combined, and had a popular majority of 7,339,827, the largest ever given a presidential candidate.

The vote for Mr. Coolidge was 15,718,789, compared to 8,378,962 for Mr. John W. Davis, and 4,822,319 for Mr. Robert M. La Follette. The total popular vote for the three leading candidates was 28,920,070. In 1920, for all candidates, it was 26,711,183.

Despite the record-breaking majority for President Coolidge, which was 334,980 more than that given to Mr. Warren G. Harding four years ago, the former's total was 433,411 less than that of Mr. Harding, due to the presence in the field of a third powerful ticket.

In twelve States Senator La Follette polled more votes than Mr. Davis, and in New York was given more votes than in his home State of Wisconsin—the only State credited to him in the electoral college.

Analysis of the returns shows that Mr. Coolidge received 54.4 per cent. of the total vote of the three leading candidates, Mr. Davis had 29.0 per cent., and Senator La Follette 16.6 per cent.

The largest majority given by any State was Pennsylvania's 992,289 plurality for Mr. Coolidge. The President's largest total was in New York—viz., 1,820,058; but his majority in that State was only 859,262.—(Reuter.)

THE ESTHONIAN RISING.

REVAL, Thursday.

The Communist Deputy, M. Velt, has been arrested in connection with the revolt on December 1. The police allege that a man named Jarotski, who was killed in the course of an attack on a police post and was in the employment of a leading Soviet firm, engaged forty workers three weeks before December 1, who were to take part in the armed rising.—(Reuter.)

MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN RIDES ON ENGINE.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, Thursday.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the British ex-Chancellor, who is on a lecture tour in Canada, declared to-day that she had the "thrill of my lifetime," when she rode twenty miles with an engineer of a Canadian Pacific locomotive. Mrs Snowden said that she noted the much greater size of Canadian locomotives compared with British engines. She added that for the first time she fully realised the skilled duties of engine drivers.—(Reuter.)

LATE NEWS.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

MR. CHURCHILL'S IDEA.

In a leading article *The Times* observes:—The real task of this Conference of Allied Ministers and American observers is, in fact, to establish as far as possible a common point of view, a common method of approach to what remains of the problem of reparations. This means that the most important work of the Conference will be done, not in public sittings, but in private conversations. There was a short public meeting on Wednesday, when official speeches were made, and there was another meeting yesterday, but it is very probable that the most significant words were exchanged in the course of those informal visits that seemed to have occupied most of the delegates' time since they arrived in Paris. At any rate, the British and American delegates seem to have quickly established the outlines of an agreement on what seemed to be one of the most difficult questions with which the Conference was faced—that of the American claim to a share in reparation receipts under the Dawes scheme on account of damages incurred by American citizens through the war.

Mr. Churchill's idea of a formula on a postcard that would make it clear at a glance how much each Allied Government could expect to receive at a given moment is obviously the goal at which the Conference should aim, though, perhaps, it may not quite reach it.

THE GENEVA PROTOCOL.

CANADA AND THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

TORONTO, Thursday.

Telegraphic despatches indicate that there is still serious misunderstanding over the attitude of Canada towards the proposed conference on the Geneva protocol. In more favorable circumstances there is reason to believe that the Canadian Government would have returned an affirmative answer to the invitation from London.

It is impossible, however, for Mr. King (the Prime Minister), or any of his chief colleagues, to leave Ottawa during the Session of Parliament and with a general election approaching. At most the Government has a majority of one or two in the House of Commons, and, therefore, is dependent upon the Progressives. This means that the Prime Minister must be at Ottawa, and eternally vigilant in order to maintain his position. This situation, and not indifference to the great issues which the conference would have to consider, explains the unfavourable answer from Canada to the invitation of the Imperial authorities.

Furthermore, an annual or bi-annual conference in London, which would take Ministers from the Dominions for three or four months, is impracticable and impossible in the future. Sir Wilfrid Laurier lost ground in Canada during his absence in London before the general election in which he was defeated. Unquestionably, Sir Robert Borden's long and frequent absence from Ottawa did much to destroy the strength and unity of the Coalition Government.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

GAELIC LEAGUE REVIVAL.

DUBLIN CONFERENCE

PARTIES AGREE TO JOINT SCHEME.

POLITICS BANNED.

A conference of persons interested in the work of the Gaelic League was held at the League headquarters in Parnell square, Dublin, yesterday. Some 300 or 400 persons from all parts of the country attended.

The object was to discuss the present position of the League and to devise means "for the placing of the Irish language in a place of honour in all national work, and to show that Gaels can stand together in the language movement, however they may differ in other matters."

Strong criticisms of the political activities of the President of the League were made by Mr. Michael Hayes, Speaker of the Dail, and other supporters of the Free State; but at the end of the discussion, which was often acrimonious, and lasted for five hours, an unanimous resolution was passed recommending steps for the revival of the League's activities on a basis agreeable to all parties.

Mr. de Valera then suggested that an agreed effort should be made to secure the funds lying in America, now in dispute, for the purpose of promoting the objects of the League; but this proposal was adjourned for discussion at a future conference.

The entire proceedings were conducted in Gaelic.

PRESIDENT CRITICISED.

QUESTION OF AMERICAN FUNDS.

The President of the League (Mr. P. T. MacGinley) ("Cu Uladh") presided. The Secretary, Deputy Frank Fahy, read letters from persons who were unable to attend, in every one of which the wish was expressed that, above all other matters, the Irish language should be preserved. They promised to co-operate cordially in any new movement to that end.

Among those present were:—Lord Ashbourne, Mr. M. Hayes, Speaker of the Dail; Dr. Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education; Mr. C. Murphy,

PUBLIC ADV... what is the policy now? I ... with the work of the League ... two years. I did not contri... funds, but I worked for the lan... would not work for the League, ... believe it was more an injury than ... the language. I am of opinion that ... dent of the League ought not be ... politics.

BEAUT... Hayes quoted an article from the SP... *World*, to which the name of "P. T. ...ley, President of the Gaelic League," ... attached. In that article (said Mr. ... CHOR'ves) the President abuses us, and yet he ...ES "invites us to this Conference. I do not ...ttach any importance to what Mr. McGilley says in that article, but I say that it does injury to the cause of the Gaelic League. The same thing may be said of *Fainne an Lae*, the organ of the League. Does that paper receive money from the League?

The President intimated that the speaker's time was up.

Mr. Hayes—Have I the permission of the meeting to go on? (Cries of "yes" and "no.")

The President—Are you in the chair, or am I?

Mr. Hayes said that if they were going to give financial help to *Fainne an Lae* they must have an assurance that the paper should be entirely in the cause of the language, and not for the discussion of political questions—questions such as why the Four Courts were attacked—which were most controversial. If the organ of the League were to be used for political propaganda, there were people in Ireland who were favourable to the language who would not subscribe a penny to the funds of the League. If they were to attempt to restore the Gaelic League, they must, at the outset, put party politics aside, and working earnestly for the promotion of the language.

FOUNDER OF THE LEAGUE SPEAKS.

Dr. Hyde, rising to speak, was received with prolonged applause, which continued for several minutes. He said that his opinion was that the League should be kept alive, as they had nothing else to put in its place. At the same time it should be kept clear of politics. He would not give a penny to the League if it were to be used for political propaganda, no matter which side. (Applause.) He had confidence that those who took part in this conference would keep the League out of politics.

Speaking at Cork (ten years ago he said—"Suppose for a moment—which God forbid—that any one political party did succeed in getting hold of the name, of the machinery, and of the revenues of the Gaelic League—and I acknowledge that these are very tempting—and succeeded in running the Gaelic League upon party lines, I tell you that on that very day every particle of the transcendent significance of the language movement would fail. The edifice we structure annually for twenty years you and I have built up with such thought and care and foresight and diplomacy, would fall to pieces. The language which would then be used upon the appanage of a single political sect, and not the inheritance of the nation, would go down in contumely and dishonour, amid the broken hearts of those who care for the tongue of our ancestors more than they care for political ambition and for their nation more than for any party or any faction."

At the conclusion of his speech Dr. Hyde handed a cheque for £20 as a contribution to the funds of the League.

Mr. Peter O'Hanrahan said that he thought they could not find a better instrument for the promotion of the language than the League. He suggested that Irishmen should cease criticism of each other, and come together to settle the Conference.

The President said that he stood for work for Ireland, but he did not stand for the things that happened in this country for the past three years. If he did he would not be President of the League for half an hour. His time would be up on the 28th February, and then they could look for a President without politics if it was possible to find one. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hayes said that the conference had come to the end of the main plan, some new scheme to help the language. He proposed that a small committee be appointed to watch the work of the League and to ensure that it followed a right policy.

Mr. Hayes's proposal was strongly opposed as amounting to a suggestion that the League be superseded, and for a time it appeared likely that the conference would fail to find a basis of agreement. It was decided, however, to ask the proposers of the rival suggestions to seek to find a formula mutually agreeable during the adjournment. On the re-assembly of the conference after lunch, the President announced that a satisfactory formula had been found, and ultimately a resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. C. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to the effect that the conference was strongly of opinion that there was as much necessity for the existence of the Gaelic League now as ever there was. It suggested that the Standing Committee should call a meeting of the Ard-Fheis, to be held on March 17th, at which delegates from the various branches, as well as those who were present at this conference, should attend, with a view to adopting a plan in accordance with the changed conditions in the country; and for that purpose it was agreed that a special committee be appointed to consider the case in the meantime. All parties present were represented on the proposed committee. The unanimous adoption of the resolution was greeted with prolonged applause, and several speakers remarked that only on the platform of the Gaelic League would it have been possible to unite such divergent personalities.

£6,000 TO BE SOUGHT.

Mr. P. O'Daly moved a resolution which asked for the collection of not less than £6,000 for the purposes of the League before St. Patrick's Day. Dr. MacHenry seconded.

Mr. de Valera, who was received with prolonged applause, suggested that steps should be taken to get the Fund that was in America, amounting to half a million pounds, and that it be placed at the disposal of an independent body for the purpose of saving the language. He would do his best towards that object.

Mr. Mulcahy said that he had no doubt the League would get the money it wanted in Ireland. The money alluded to by Mr. de Valera was in a more difficult position.

Mr. O'Daly—It is not half so far from us.

Mr. Mulcahy—If you follow the political question here you will not get much money for the League.

Mr. P. O'Connor moved that the two parties who were engaged in litigation on the question of the American funds should agree, and let the money be used for the promotion of the Irish language.

Mr. Gearoid O'Sullivan said that it was a pity that this matter had been raised. It was not on the agenda, and, if it was, he would not have been present. If the matter were to be followed up it would result in trouble.

Mr. Hurley said that it was a contentious subject, and the result would be that, as the American funds were brought in in this way, they would not get the money they wanted at home.

It was agreed that the subject be postponed until the next conference.

COLONISING THE RANCHES.

Mr. Sean O Ruadhain moved a resolution to the effect that it was desirable that the ranches that were to be divided under the provisions of the Land Act should be peopled by Irish-speaking persons who would be migrated from the Gaelic-speaking districts.

The resolution was carried, and the conference ended.

LORD OLIVIER AND THE INDIAN PRESS.

ALLAHABAD, Thursday.

Surprise has been created here at the language used in the articles which Lord Olivier, who was Secretary for India in the late Labour Government, is contributing to a Calcutta newspaper, *The Statesman*. Lord Olivier characterises the English newspapers with which he disagrees as the "noddle Press," and their representatives in India as "jackals," and he refers to the "amateur impertinences of Mr. Justice McCardie." The *Pioneer*, in a caustic criticism of the articles, says that Lord Olivier has all the catchwords of the extremist Press.—(*Times* Correspondent.)

EXPLOSION ON A STEAMER.

A Verdict of accidental death was returned, at an inquest at South Shields yesterday, on three victims of the explosion on the steamer Algoria, in the Tyne, last November. It was stated that a trimmer entered the hold with a naked light—a common practice—and that flames shot out. The hatches were on at the time.

The Coroner stated that the explosion and fire were caused by the contact of a naked light with firedamp. He suggested that lamps should be used, and that it should be made a compulsory rule that hatches should not be put on until the vessel was about to ship.

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UNITED STATES FLEET.

ELEVATION OF GUNS OF CAPITAL SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, in a letter read to-day to the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, expressed the opinion that the question of raising the elevation of guns in American capital ships would not constitute a violation of the Washington Treaty, although such action might have an unfortunate effect in tending to promote competition in naval armaments. The letter added that, while the British Government had taken the view that the proposed alterations would be a violation of the Treaty, the Japanese Government took the opposite view.

Mr. Hughes's letter was in response to a resolution asking whether any protests against the elevation programme had been made by foreign Powers. Mr. Hughes recited how, in March, 1925, the British Ambassador had brought up the subject, earnestly appealing to the State Department against any alteration in the present gun elevations, and giving positive assurances that no such alterations had been made in any British capital ships after commission. The British view, added the letter, was that the changes proposed in American ships would constitute major alterations which were prohibited by the terms of the Treaty. Mr. Hughes, while agreeing with the Japanese opinion that they should be regarded rather as minor alterations not violating the Treaty, realised that they might tend towards a revival in competition, which would not be harmonious with the well-established position of the United States.

Mr. Wilbur, Secretary for the Navy, giving evidence before the Committee, declared that although the Navy Department desired a Navy that would accord with the 5-5-3 ratio all along the line, yet owing to the policy of economy pursued by the Administration he could not recommend the programme for an increased gun elevation, nor could he endorse the pending bill appropriating seventy million dollars for naval construction.

Mr. Wilbur explained to the Committee that the Director of the Budget had presented to President Coolidge a proposal to go on with the raised gun elevation programme, but that the President considered that such expenditure thereby involved would be in conflict with his financial policies. Mr. Wilbur reiterated that it would require an expenditure of a hundred and ten million dollars annually for ten years to bring the whole Navy to the 5-5-3 ratio, but insisted that the battle fleet would be brought up to the ratio by the completion of the repairs to the battleship Florida.

AMERICAN SHIPS SLOWER THAN BRITISH.

The Committee is making a general investigation into the present discussion on the Navy, which for months past has been the subject of scare rumours. In the course of the discussion following his estimony, Mr. Wilbur asserted that while he believed that the United States Navy was equivalent to the British Navy in tonnage, American capital ships were about two knots slower, and American guns outranged by about fifteen hundred yards. The Committee learns, however, that the United States Government purposely made its ships slower than the British vessels because the architects believed that it would be advisable to put the weight into the armour and guns rather than to increase the engine power.

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MURDER OF THE SIRDAR.

IMPORTANT ARREST.

CAIRO, Thursday.

Mohamed Amin Mohamed, who is described as a gunman, and has long been sought by the police, gave himself up to the latter to-day. He is alleged according to information in the hands of the authorities—that this man was sitting in a *café* close to the spot where the Sirdar was shot a few minutes before the attack actually took place. He is said to have disappeared immediately afterwards, and though a warrant was issued for his arrest, nothing has been heard of him until now.

At the time of the big conspiracy case in 1923, Mohamed Amin Mohamed escaped being tried on a charge of conspiracy to murder Englishmen, only owing to the fact that he was then seriously ill in hospital, though the prosecution claimed to have built up a powerful case against him. When he recovered from his illness martial law had been abolished, with the result that he was not brought up for trial before either a British or Egyptian court. Some importance is attached to this man's apprehension, and it is thought likely that he will prove of considerable assistance to the police in connection with certain lines of inquiry now being followed up.

Notwithstanding the insuperable difficulties encountered in the investigation of political crime in Egypt, the confidence in both the British and Egyptian official circles here that the assassins will eventually be run to earth.—(Press Association's Correspondent.)

ZAGHLUL'S DENIALS.

NO EFFORT TO RETAIN POWER BY INTIMIDATION.

In an interview with a representative of the *Balagh* to-day, Zaghlul Pasha is stated to have said: "Sidky Pasha, the Minister of the Interior, asserts that I urged on the riff-raff of the streets to demonstrate outside the Royal Palace with the cry of 'vasa' (revolution), and declares that I employed these means in order to retain power. This is a declaration which only merits contempt, for I was not constrained to resign or to find means of remaining in power. In the course of the discussion following his estimony, Mr. Wilbur asserted that while he believed that the United States Navy was equivalent to the British Navy in tonnage, American capital ships were about two knots slower, and American guns outranged by about fifteen hundred yards. The Committee learns, however, that the United States Government purposely made its ships slower than the British vessels because the architects believed that it would be advisable to put the weight into the armour and guns rather than to increase the engine power.

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STRANDED RUSSIAN JEWS.

EMIGRANTS SHUT OUT OF AMERICA.

Few of the 700 Russians at Atlantic Park Hostel, the British equivalent of Ellis Island, have little hope of ever reaching the United States, unless President Coolidge can be induced to consider their case on sympathetic grounds. They have been shut out from America, because the annual quota for Russia has allowed the United States has been cut down from 24,000 to 1,792. They cannot go back to their own country, and America is barred to them. They have been waiting at Atlantic Park for over a year.

The deadly effect of waiting, not knowing their fate, has sometimes led to trouble, and that, in effect, was the explanation given by Colonel H. D. Barbour, Manager of the Hostel, of the short-lived "hunger strike," in which a discontented minority of the Jewish transmigrants took part.

"It is not a question of too much kipper or not enough sugar," he said; "they are bored stiff, and hope deferred is, indeed, a salt food. They think only of getting to America, and some of them believe that by talking about trivial and imaginary grievances they will draw attention to their real grievance—ever-disappointed hopes of leaving the Hostel."

Members of the "strike" deputation alleged that they were given too much fish that the fish was sometimes not good. The companies admit that the food supplied includes a lot of fish, and that on one occasion it was not good, but this was fish supplied impartially to the transmigrants and to the officials themselves.

"Our food bill is colossal," said Colonel Barbour. "We use 10,000 eggs a week; for example, in August our bill for eggs alone was £800."

Here is a day's menu, selected at random:

Breakfast—Two eggs, bread, butter, tea.

Dinner—Borach (soup), beef, peas, bread, tea.

Tea—Salt herring, fruit, bread, tea.

I can testify that the quantity of food is ample and the quality excellent. Meat is given at one meal every day.

Hardest, perhaps, is the plight of the old people, who, with their span of life drawing rapidly to a close, wonder day by day whether they will ever see their loved ones in America.

Lady Swaythling, who lives near by, has written a letter this week to Mr. Coolidge, begging him to consider the matter on sympathetic grounds, and to extend clemency to these stranded human beings.

GUNPOWDER IN A PARCEL.

EVIDENCE IN NEWCASTLE CASE.

The hearing was resumed at Newcastle yesterday of the charge against Percy Gibson of being in possession of explosives.

The police produced literature and documents which, they stated, were found in Gibson's room after his arrest. One document was a card certifying that Gibson was a member of the Newcastle branch of the Communist Party, and a minute book recorded that "Comrade Gibson was co-opted upon the L.P.C. (Local Propaganda Committee) for work." Among the papers was one which was described by the prosecuting solicitor as the programme of the Communist Bolsheviks.

A police officer said that it seemed to advocate the rising of the working classes against capitalists, and the Chairman of the Bench remarked that there were a great number of passages which advocated force.

The cashier of Seghill Colliery stated that Gibson was employed there until October 4th last, when he left on his own account. The cartridges found in the tin were, the witness said, similar to those that Gibson would use in his work. Men using explosives at the colliery purchased them, and the cost was deducted from their wages.

Questioned by the accused, a fellow-worker said that powder had not been missed from the pit.

Sergeant Walton deposed that when arrested Gibson was carrying a parcel. The witness went up behind him and took the parcel from under his arm. When asked what was in it, Gibson replied: "If you really want to know, it is gunpowder. I was going to dump it into the Tyne."

Gibson was remanded for a week, pending communication with the Public Prosecutor.

TEST MATCH.

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appears a hopeless task. Gilligan and his plucky side have, of course, started off both of the Tests by fielding at least a day and a half.

This in itself is enough to have dampened the ardour of all but the stoutest performers, and Gilligan's message to the effect that the side is "full of fight and brimful of confidence" fills an old cricketer—who knows how sweet a strain on the nerves Australian Test Matches can be—with the greatest admiration. It is this fighting spirit permeating the English team that makes one feel that there are good things in store for the M.C.C. A side that can battle bravely on, no matter what the gruelling they have experienced, has always proved a very difficult proposition to overcome in a series of matches.

The disquieting features of the match are the batting failures of all but Sutcliffe and Hobbs and the comparative lack of support accorded Tate in the field. So indifferent, in fact, has the English bowling seemed in this match that it appears that Freeman must be included at Adelaide, and possibly Howell or Kilner. Although the Australians appear weaker in bowling than for some years past, one is deeply impressed with their array of batsmen.—Mr. G. A. Faulkner in the *Westminster Gazette*.

SEVEN DAYS TOO LONG.

It is somewhat comforting to read Mr. Darling's comment that not even a world side could have made 150 on the wicket as it was on the seventh day, so worn was its surface. We can well believe it. How do we think that cricket was designed for matches which last seven days. It is too long. Some virtue goes out of the game in such extreme proportion; the premium placed upon winning the toss is raised too high. Five days, if you like, but not seven, or may be eight. The linked sweetness and bitterness have been too long drawn out, and unhappily the same liquid left last on the palate. Nevertheless, cricket history has been grandly made in this Melbourne match. If England had won it would have been Sutcliffe's match, and it is quite big enough his side lost. He has thrilled Australia no less than his countrymen here at home.—*Daily Telegraph.*

THE TOSS OF A COIN.

The contest which concluded yesterday at Melbourne was one in which as much honour was reflected on the vanquished as on the victors. Slowly but surely English cricket is emerging from the slough of despond, and in due season it will again triumph over its formidable and gallant opposition. The least tilting of the balance of luck in our favour, even the extra flick of a coin, may bring its reward in victory. Melbourne has revealed at least this one consoling fact—that man for man there is not much to chose between the two teams. We are not downhearted,"

says the English captain, "but full of fight and confidence." There speaks the inspired leader. The essence of good sportsmanship is to be able to take a thrashing with a good grace and a smiling face. If Gilligan can win the toss at Adelaide his confidence may find a speedy realisation.—*Daily Express.*

A PLACE IN HISTORY.

The second Test Match between England and Australia at Melbourne has established in the history of cricket, because several records were broken in it, and the features of the scoring were quite phenomenal. But it also had a day-to-day interest much above the ordinary by reason of its remarkable ups and downs. Almost to the end it was either side's match. By a narrow margin the Australians have won it, and they deserve our unstinted congratulations. Doubtless, they gained something by the luck of the toss, but the wicket off which 1,619 runs were scored during the match cannot but have become very abnormal towards the end. Yet one is disinclined to stress the point when it is seen that most of the over-large tail which failed in the English second innings had likewise failed in the first. In fact, while the total of the two English innings was 769, there were seven members of the English side who between them only contributed 190 runs to that total.—*Daily Chronicle.*

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

DUBLIN WIRELESS CLUB.—At the fortnightly meeting of the Dublin Wireless Club last night, at 12 Wicklow street, Mr. W. A. Beatty read a paper on "Inductance and Capacity." Comparing the various types of coils, the lecturer showed the action of a condenser, explained the value and meaning of re-action, and what caused oscillation in wireless sets. A practical demonstration followed on a set which was made to oscillate at will, and Mr. Beatty, to illustrate his points, exhibited various types of coils and condensers. A discussion ensued.

ST. ANN'S LECTURES.—The St. Ann's lectures will be resumed next Wednesday at 8 p.m. with a lecture in the Molesworth Hall, on "The Master Mind of Napoleon," by the Rev. F. Paton-Williams, who is an authority on both Napoleon and the new psychology.

GIRL GUIDES CONCERT.—The Girl Guides 4th City of Dublin Company (Abbey street Church) will give a concert to-night at 7.30 in the Lecture Hall of the Abbey street Methodist Church, at which several well-known artists will appear.

PASSENGERS BY S. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—M. Keating, Mrs. Murray, Miss B. Dowth, E. Lamour, J. J. Lucas, H. Browett, Miss E. C. Goulding, Mrs. Harley, F. Liroux, H. E. Stevens, P. T. Oliver, C. J. Krimble, Mrs. E. Thompson, G. Hasting, Mrs. Hasting, Miss Hasting, Davits, H. Davits, J. Algar, H. E. Kots, Miss Sullivan, H. P. Forshaw.

DEPARTURES.—J. G. Kidd, E. H. Stanley Woods, P. Beattie, T. Oliver, J. Warburton, C. Cassidy, J. E. Martin, Mrs. Quartley, Miss Beers, J. Newman, Dr. Pope, W. O'Kelly, T. Manley, J. Thein, E. Locke, A. Hayes, Rev. Father Fulhan, Miss Farley, Miss P. Butler, Miss A. F. Butler, Miss Cumming, Mrs. Maguire, H. P. Forshaw, Dr. MacHugh.

CONNAUGHT.

ALLEGED WORTHLESS CHEQUES.—David Alexander, of Glenhill, Poyntzpass, Armagh, was charged at Carrick-on-Shannon with presenting a worthless cheque for £10 to Thomas Moran, Derryra, Leitrim, on October 13, fair day; and his brother, Andrew was charged with, on the same date, obtaining by false pretences £25, the property of Patrick Regan, Co. Roscommon, by presenting a worthless cheque. The defendants were remanded on bail. It was stated for the defence that the defendants had a complete answer to the cases, and that there seemed to be some misunderstanding between them and the bank. The defendants had provided the money to discharge the cheques.

LEITRIM UNION ESTIMATE.—The estimate for the ensuing year's expenditure of the Leitrim County Board of Health totals £15,819, or £2,159 more than that of the current year. The increase in outdoor relief accounts for most of the increase. The relieving officer told the meeting called to consider the estimate that the expenditure on relief in December was £2,000 in excess of that in November. New applications are still being made. The estimate was adopted.

LEINSTER.

CAROBE DRAINAGE BOARD.—A Board of Works engineer has visited the Carbore district, eight miles from Gorey, to inspect the drainage under the control of the local drainage board. Owing to the alleged neglect to clean the drains hundreds of acres of land have been flooded, and it is now considered the expenditure entailed in maintaining the drains will be more than the local drainage board can bear, the Board of Works has been asked to assist. The engineer will report to the Board in due course.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.—Michael Moloney has been remanded in custody at Carlow, Kilkenny, has been appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant for the County of the City of Belfast. Mr. Ewart is a brother of the late Sir William Quintas Ewart, Bart., D.L., and uncle of the present holder of the baronetcy, Sir Robert Wedderburn Ewart.

NORTHERN TROOP CHANGES.—There were further changes yesterday in the Northern military command. The Sherwood Foresters arrived in Belfast from England, and proceeded to Ballykinlar. There they take up the station vacated by the 1st Battalion the Highland Light Infantry, which has been transferred to Holywood. The 1st Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment returned to England yesterday.

NORTH IRISH HORSE MEMORIAL.—The design of the memorial window to the officers and men of the North Irish Horse who fell in the war has been approved by the Belfast Corporation. It has been arranged that the unveiling ceremony shall be performed by the Earl of Shaftesbury, Colonel of the Regiment, on March 14th next.

NEW CO. DOWN MAGISTRATE.—Mr. J. J. Brown, brother of the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Brown, has been sworn in as a magistrate for Co. Down at the Newtownards Petty Sessions.

The annual meeting of the North Armagh Unionist Association has passed a resolution placing on record the Association's deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Dr. George Dougan.

SPECULATIONS IN OPTIONS.

LONDON CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

Prosecuting on behalf of the City Solicitor, Mr. Percival Clark said, at the Mansion House, London, yesterday: "This pamphlet in one paragraph says what is perfectly true—that it requires a considerable amount of courage and some science as well successfully to speculate in options." William Charles Brown, 54, no occupation, of Sutherland avenue, Paddington, and Duncan Walter McLachlan Brady (or Edward Foster), 38, Clerk, were charged with conspiracy relating to the offering of options or shares by Foster, Brown and Co. at Water Lane, Ludgate Hill.

Mr. Clark explained that in February the men started Foster, Brown and Co., stock and share dealers, and sent out broadcast a circular entitled "The Investors' Guide, Scientific and Successful Speculation and Increase of Income." Counsel added that at the time Brady was an undischarged bankrupt. The science of speculating in options was fully explained, and very attractive it appeared to be. The investor, it seemed, ran no risk whatever of losing his capital, but could easily make a profit of £10 upon such a small outlay as £20. Many people, said Mr. Clark, read this interesting and scientific work, and were inspired with unbounded confidence in Foster, Brown and Co., which they fondly believed was a substantial firm, having some connection with the Stock Exchange, and to whom they entrusted various sums of money. They all believed that their capital was secure, and that they were likely to make substantial profits. All that they appeared to get for their money, however, were receipts and more encouraging pamphlets. Then in November the firm quietly vanished, and anxious inquirers, finding the office closed, went to the police.

One person, said Counsel, had sent £50 to buy oil shares, but got nothing in return, except the usual correspondence. When arrested, Brown said that he thought it was a genuine business, and added that he was only a clerk.

Mr. William Evans, J.P., of Bromwydd, Glamorgan, from whom £150 was said to have been obtained, was a witness.

The case was adjourned.

CARMAN INJURED IN COLLISION.

A collision occurred last night in North Frederick street, Dublin, between a tram-car and a hackney car, driven by Robert Griffin, of 21 Carmen Hall, off Clark street. Griffin was thrown to the ground, sustaining severe injuries to the head. He was taken to the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, where his condition was stated to be serious.

ACTRESS DEVOURED BY SHARK.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

TAMPICO.

While trying to save the life of her dog, which fell into the sea when the steamer Popocatepetl went on the rocks several weeks ago, Senorita Ofalia Rivas, a well-known Cuban actress, was attacked by a huge shark and devoured, in spite of her frantic struggles. Fishers have just killed a giant shark, in the stomach of which was found the lynch and terbian which Senorita Rivas was wearing at the time of her tragic death.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker has arrived at Delhi, says Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE DEATH RATE.—The annual death rate in Great Britain last week averaged 14.1 per thousand.

FAMOUS GOLDFISH GONE.—About 50 of the celebrated performing goldfish in the hot water Roman bath at Bath escaped into the Avon during the recent floods.

POISONED HOUNDS.—Five hounds of the Dalamere Forest pack, Cheshire, ate poisoned food in a bird snare and dropped dead in the hunting field.

A PERILOUS PASSION.—The Liverpool steamer Sachem (5,425 tons) reached St. John's, Newfoundland, six days overdue. She had lost her rudder, and reported having encountered terrific weather.

HOLY RELICS GERMAN TROPHY.—Hull City Council yesterday declined to accept a tender for German-manufactured telephone cable, and requested the Telephone Committee to accept the lowest British tender.

DEATH OF BARRIER OFFICIAL IN EGYPT.—Mr. Stewart Henbest Capper, formerly Captain and Brevet Major of the Manchester Regiment, which he accompanied to Egypt on active service, and later Chief Press Censor of the Ministry of the Interior, died suddenly in Cairo yesterday of heart failure.—(Reuter.)

MANLY DECLARATION.—A middle-aged man stated at Willesden Court yesterday that when he was born his father registered him as a girl. He desired to make a declaration that he was the person referred to in the birth certificate and that he was a male. The application was allowed to make the declaration.

HIS FIRST SOVEREIGN.—During the hearing of a case at Northampton Quarter Sessions yesterday, in which Francis Wilson Groom (19), a labourer, was charged with larceny and housebreaking, it was stated that among the money stolen was a sovereign. Groom did not know what it was and what it was worth. He was placed on probation.

DOG CAUSES MISTRESS'S DEATH.—The death occurred in Tewkesbury Hospital yesterday morning of Mrs. Staite, of Shuthonger Common. While walking into Tewkesbury on December 20th her dog ran in front of an approaching motor car, and, in endeavouring to prevent it being run over, she herself was knocked down and mortally injured.

PAPER TO PAY.—A resolution deprecating the abolition of all fees in public secondary schools was carried at the annual conference of the Incorporated Association of Head Masters at the Guildhall, London. Mr. Cary Gilson (Birmingham), moving the resolution, said there was a large number of parents who would not send their children to a feeless school, and they would probably try to find a cheap private school.

BOTTOMLEY SERIOUSLY ILL.—A rumour gained currency in London that Horatio Bottomley had died in Maidstone Gaol. Enquiries at Maidstone among Mr. Bottomley's friends in London, however, failed to confirm the report. Bottomley has suffered from indifferent health since he has been at Maidstone, and he has a serious cough at nights ago. Though he rallied under medical treatment, he has been in a serious condition since the attack, and the prison doctor has been in attendance day and night.

BOGUS LOTTERY.—At Portsmouth Quarter Sessions yesterday, sentence of eight months' imprisonment in the Second Division was passed on Harold John Lacey, a native of Sheffield, for running a bogus Christmas lottery for hampers. He has risen to the rank of Sergeant-Major in the war, and his lottery tickets, which were chiefly sent to Service men, produced about £270 in letters which were addressed to an empty store. Two other persons charged with the accused were acquitted.

SCHOOLBOY CAPACITY.—Harrow resents Dr. Henry Gamble's suggestion before the Education Association that school tuck shops should be closed, and that the modern schoolboy is a glutton. "The modern schoolboy is a Spartan in his appetites," said Mr. R. A. Gillett, Harrow official tuck shop at Harrow-on-the-Hill, "and I think Dr. Campbell has been misinformed when he states that schoolboys gorge themselves indiscriminately. During the training season they buy nothing but fruit, and I believe that the orange-eating record for Harrow at the moment is 25 at a sitting."

POEM A WOMAN'S DOCTOR.—At Cambridge Quarter Sessions yesterday, Kathleen Briscoe or Glenister, 31, and George Henry Briscoe, 38, were charged with larceny. The female prisoner pleaded guilty to 7 cases of obtaining goods under false pretences, by representing herself to be a doctor on the staff of the local hospital and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. She was stated to have had seven convictions at Newcastle-on-Tyne, which she strenuously denied, and she was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour. The man, who, is was stated, was not the prisoner's husband, was given the benefit of the First Offenders Act, and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

ROUND AND ROUND THE WORLD.—Mr. S. S. J. Freeman Matthews, purser of the White Star liner Celtic, has retired after 38 years at sea, during which he travelled nearly 3,000,000 miles. He has been 25 years with the White Star Line, and was the senior purser in point of length of service. A portion of his career was passed in the company's New Zealand trade, and he had 37 trips round the world in the Athenic, a matter of some 1,560,000 miles. Mr. Freeman Matthews is the owner of a wonderful collection of autographs, including those of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII., the present King and Queen, President McKinley, Don Carlos, the King of Portugal, and the Prince Imperial. The autographs are contained in seventeen large volumes.

ARSENAL IN AN ASYLUM.

STRANGE AFFAIR IN MONAGHAN.

That arms had been stored secretly in Monaghan Asylum was revealed at a meeting of the Monaghan and Cavan Asylum Board held yesterday. Mr. Thomas Toal presiding.

The matter arose on the report of Dr. T. P. Conlon, B.M.S., who stated that he suspended two night attendants, F. McManus and T. Mawgill, on January 5th, in connection with an incident that occurred in the institution the previous night. There were some people about the male side of the house on that night, and the medical officer said he could not accept the statements of these two attendants on the matter, that they heard or saw nothing unusual.

Dr. Conlon said that on the morning in question it was reported to him that portion of the ceiling over one of the corridors had been broken down in various places. He went down and saw what he never knew was there before—viz., that there was a passage over the corridor, through which entrance was obtained by a trap-hole in an adjacent room. He concluded that there must have been some kind of a dump in it. The Civic Guard investigated the matter. They went round this passage, and found some rifle bullets and some old bags, as if they had been stored there, and that they had missed getting them away on the previous night.

The two attendants were then brought before the Board, and the report was read to them.

Attendant Maxwell said that he had nothing to say but what he said already, and that was that he did not hear or see anything during that night. Even when he did his last round he did not see that any of the ceiling had fallen down.

The Chairman inquired how the men got in in the first place.

Doctor Conlon—They could not get in except they had the key from these men.

Mr. McWilliam, solicitor for the attendants, stated that he understood there was a patient died on that night and that these two attendants were engaged in looking after him for an hour. It would be possible that anything might have happened during that time and that the attendants might not know.

Mr. Nixon—In the dead of the night fellows walking around that passage must have been heard.

The Chairman said that he supposed all they could do was give them a caution.

Mr. Holdcroft said that at the same time they should give the attendants to know that they believed they knew all about it.

After further consultation, the Chairman informed the attendants that the Committee had very strong suspicions that they knew what was taking place that night, but they had not sufficient evidence before them to convict, and the offence was a very serious one. They approved of the action of the doctor in suspending the men, but they had no direct evidence that would warrant them continuing the suspension.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS PASSING.

In a couple of days the special two weeks' sale at the Marleen Salons, 114 St. Stephen's Green, will be over. Exclusive knit wear—Costumes, Frocks, Jumpers and Cardigans—is reduced for quick clearance to prices very much below usual. Smart pull-on Hats at stylist Afternoon and Evening Frocks are included in the sale, too. The values are so extraordinary that it will be well advised to come early—come several times before Saturday.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Stocks opened firm, but reacted on the uncertainty as to whether the prolonged rise was definitely checked, and caused a disposition to take profits on the advances. Later syndicate operations in many industrials, based on expanding steel production, brought an advance. Lower money rates and the strength in sterling were also factors. United States Steel touched the highest level for eight years. The market closed strong. Government Bonds steady; Railway Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 1,740,000 shares. Money on call closed easy at 2 per cent. bid and 2½ per cent. asked. Actual business was done at from 2 to 2½ per cent. with the ruling rate 2½ per cent.; the last loan was made at 2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm. Silver is up for foreign mined at 67⅞. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 3¼ to 3¾ per cent. Gold to the value of $1,600,000 has been engaged for export to India.

Rise—Chesapeake and Ohio Common, 2; Chicago North Western Ord., Missouri Pacific and Pan-American Petroleum Ord., 1½; Great Northern Ore Certificates, 1; Lehigh Valley Railroad, 1¼; Northern Pacific Common and Union Pacific Common, ¼; National Lead, 4; U.S. Steel Common, 2; Bethlehem Steel Common and Shell Ord., 1½; International Mercantile Marine Pref., 1¾; Royal Dutch and Louisville and Nashville, 1.

Falls — Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Common, Reading First Pref. and General Electric, 1; Illinois Central, 1½; and Southern Pacific Common, American Smelting and Refining Common, ½.

Call Money		3½ p.c.	3½ p.c.
Exchange on London 60 days sight		4.76¾	4.76¾
Do. do.	Demand	4.77¼	4.77¼
Cable Transfers		4.77	4.78
Do.	Montreal	4.78⅜	4.78⅝
Exchange Paris, cable		1.49¾	6.38¼

Bond. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Business Prices. Wed.	Thurs.
102	U.S. Funded	102¼	102½
12d	Atch. Top. Santa Fe	118½	119½
20	Do. Preferred	94½	94½
91	Baltimore & Ohio	83½	83½
100	Canadian Pacific	148½	148½
100	Chesapeake & Ohio Com.	76½	76½
100	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	37½	37½
100	Chicago and N. Western	76½	76½
100	Erie 1st Preferred	39½	39½
100	Great Northern Pref.	70¼	70¼
100	Illinois Central	107½	107½
100	Louisville & Nashville	119	119
100	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	29	29
100	Missouri Pacific	36½	36½
100	N. Y. Central	125½	125½
100	N. Y., N. Haven & Hartford	39½	39½
100	Norfolk & Western	150½	150½
100	Northern Pacific Com.	81½	81½
100	Ontario and Western	51½	51½
100	Pennsylvania	43½	43½
100	Reading Shares	87	87
100	Do. Preferred	81½	81½
100	Southern Railway	91½	91½
100	Southern Pacific	104½	104½
100	Union Pacific	150½	151
100	Do. pref.	84½	84½
100	Wabash Common	41½	41½
100	Do. Preferred	84½	84½
100	American Smelting and Refining	62½	62½
100	Anaconda Copper	43½	43½
100	Mexican Petroleum Ord.	153½	153½
100	Utah Copper	46¾	46¾
100	New York Consolidated Gas	74½	74½
100	General Electric	284	284½
100	National Lead	89½	90½
100	United States Steel Common	118½	119½
100	Do. Preferred	118½	118½
100	Bethlehem Steel Corp. Com.	86½	86½
100	Do. Commercial Bars	85½	85½
100	General Motors (New)	19½	19½
100	Int. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	30½	30½
100	Do. Pref. Certs.	43¾	43¾
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...4.45—Carlton Orchestra. 4.45-
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...55—Ministry of Agriculture
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...9.30—Weather and News; Mr.
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...cast to Schools. 4.30-5.0—
...Children. 6.40-6.55—Ministry of
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...7.30—Symphony Concert.
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...Mr. John Maynard Keynes.
...Local News. 10.0—Symphony
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...Isobel McGeachin (soprano).
...6.0-6.5—Weather for Farmers.
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RENCH SCHEME BANDONED.

PARIS, Thursday.

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...	177½	158½	145½
...	179¼	155	147¾
Same day last year	This season	Last season	
254	404,318	254,484	

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SEED POTATOES.

SUPPLIES FOR SMALL FARMERS.

COAL FOR BOG-OWNERS.

In view of the partial failure of the potato crop, the Free State Minister for Lands and Agriculture has arranged for the distribution of seed potatoes of improved varieties in the congested districts, and the Local Government department has arranged for supplies of coal in areas where the turf supply has failed.

After the recent conference of Irish dairy shorthorn breeders at Mallow, Mr. P. J. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture, with Mr. D. Twomey, Chief Live Stock Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, made a tour of West Cork and County Kerry. His main object was to examine conditions there, particularly with regard to supplies of fuel and seed potatoes. He has arranged for the distribution of seed potatoes at reduced prices in the poorer areas of West Cork, Kerry, and the congested districts generally. The greatest failure was noticed in districts where champion potatoes are most extensively grown, and it has been decided, therefore, to distribute to people of small valuations seed of such improved main crop varieties as Kerr's Pink and Arran Victory.

In this way, not only will relief be afforded to a large number of hard-working small holders, but the value of potatoes other than "Champions" and "Irish Queens" will be demonstrated. In the past, these varieties have been almost entirely depended upon in the area visited, and last year, owing to the unfavourable season, they did not yield more than quarter of the usual crop. The result in part is attributed to their inability to overcome unsatisfactory weather conditions. Consequently it is believed that a complete change of seed will give satisfactory results.

From West Cork, the Minister visited Kenmare, Sneem, Cahirdaniel, Waterville, Ballinskelligs, Cahirciveen, Caragh and Beaufort. The position with regard to fuel he found to be pretty bad, the turf being exceptionally wet. If February or March should prove dry, it is possible that some of the turves will be usable as fuel, and serious loss will be averted. This, however, is problematical, and in order to relieve the situation the Local Government Department has arranged for the distribution of coal in districts that ordinarily depend upon turf. The erroneous idea that water can be extracted from turf by mechanical means has led to the loss of more money in Germany and elsewhere than would pay for the lighting of Germany for a whole year. This was shown in the *Irish Times* recently by Professor Pierce Purcell, who remarked that the drying of peat by such means was impracticable.

Mr. Hogan also inspected what is known as the Kerry cattle breeding area. He is quite satisfied that the Live Stock Breeding Bill is essential to the improvement of the Kerry cattle in that area, and also for the exclusion of other breeds.

DAIRY SHORTHORN BREEDERS.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HALLIDEN.

The Executive Committee of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society acknowledged the services of the Society's honorary secretary, Mr. P. J. Hallidien, by presenting him with a solid silver tea set and a wallet of Treasury notes at Moran's Hotel, Mallow, yesterday. Mr. T. O'Sullivan presided.

In making the presentation, the Chairman said that it was a difficult matter to acknowledge adequately the very valuable work that Mr. Halliden had done in building up that great organisation, which was the most powerful lever which the dairy farmers possessed for forwarding the dairying industry. Just five years ago the Society was formed, and Mr. Halliden since then had done remarkable organising work without fee or reward. He had taught the public the necessity for cow-testing and for improving dairy cattle. The results of his work were evident from the growth of the organisation, not only in County Cork, but throughout the Free State.

Mr. M. O'Connor, Chairman of the North Cork Branch of the Society, said that the whole Free S' te was humming with Mr. Halliden's work.

Mr. W. O'Callaghan and Mr. M. J. Cronin having spoken,

Mr. Halliden acknowledged the presentation. He said that their organisation had spread because its work appealed to every progressive man. The part that he had played in bringing their organisation to its present position had been exceedingly interesting; it had been a labour of love.

Mr. Halliden afterwards entertained the company to luncheon.

RATEPAYERS' COMPLAINT.

CRUSHING TAXATION.

A largely attended and representative meeting of the ratepayers of South Monaghan was held in the Catholic Hall, Carrickmacross, Mr. James Shevlin presiding, to consider the best means of reducing rates and taxes and to put forward candidates to represent the ratepayers at the coming elections.

The Chairman said that during the last few years the ratepayers had been overtaxed in every sense of the word. They had to foot every demand, and unless something was done to relieve the situation they could no longer exist. From his own experience, the people were never in a worse position—seasons bad, prices bad and everything a handicap to the farming community.

Mr. Flanagan said that if the Government carried on as at present the country would be worse than in '79. The County Council, he said, were sending out "grippers" to collect rates, who seized everything they got their hands on. The present rate, he claimed, was exorbitant and under it they could not exist. England, he said, was their enemy a short time ago, but were the men at the wheel now doing any better. They demanded the right to live, being the backbone of the nation.

Mr. Michael Daly, Carrickmacross, said that they should take hundreds off the salaries of the Government Ministers and buy coals for the poor. They had nothing, he said, but demands for income tax, rent, rates and the Lord knows what.

A branch of the Ratepayers' Association was formed.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE.

Colonel O'Callaghan Westropp, at the monthly meeting of the County Clare Committee of Agriculture, called attention to the reported spread of tuberculosis in cows of seven years old and upwards. He said that in a herd, with which he personally was concerned, nine out of ten animals re-acted to the tests. It was true that in most of the cases the disease was dormant, but the danger to the man was still there. It was a scientific fact that 80 per cent. of milch cows of seven years and upwards were affected by tuberculosis, and the danger to the children especially, was appalling. An anti-tuberculosis campaign would have to be initiated at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. J. Mahony, Agricultural Instructor, said that Clare was in no worse condition than other parts of Ireland or than England generally.

A SOLDIER'S MURDER

EX-OFFICER IN THE DOCK.

In the Dublin District Court, before Mr. E. A. Collins yesterday, James Murray, ex-officer of the National Army, was charged on remand with the murder of James Bergin, a military policeman, at Milltown, near Newbridge, County Kildare, on or about the 14th December, 1923, and, after the hearing of evidence, he was further remanded.

Mr. Costello (instructe' by Mr. T. Clarke, State Solicitor's Department) prosecuted, and Mr. P. H. O'Reilly (O'Reilly, Noyk and Co., solicitors) was for the defence.

Sergeant Hackett, of the Civic Guard, was recalled, and, in reply to Mr. Costello, said that on searching Bergin's clothes he found in the pockets two military passes, a piece of paper with an address upon it, and a second piece of paper, which had apparently contained a sandwich.

MILITARY EVIDENCE.

Captain Patrick Murray, who was Adjutant of Tintown "B" Camp in 1923, said that the passes produced, signed "J. Murray," were not issued or signed by him.

Mr. O'Kelly—There was no other Captain Murray in the barracks at that time? No; I was the only one.

Private McNicholls, who was a military policeman at the Curragh in December, 1923, stated that on the morning of the 13th he saw Bergin get into civilian clothes, including a black hat, fawn coat, low black shoes, grey socks, and a belted tie. He left his room about 7 a.m., and the next place witness saw him was in the dead-house.

Mr. Costello—Are you in a position to say whether this tie (produced) is the same, or is similar, to the one that deceased was wearing? Yes, that is the tie; I identify it as the tie he was wearing the morning he left the bedroom.

Guard McCarthy, Rathangan, gave evidence of going to Ennis's house, Guidenstown, with another Guard on the 16th December, 1923, and abstracting a bullet from the door-case leading from the kitchen into a smaller room.

Guard Haverty, Kildare, said that, with two other Guards, he went to Ennis's house on the 17th December, 1923, where in the right-hand room, off the kitchen, he found a bullet.

Guard Tallon, who visited the house on Sunday, 16th December, 1923, in company with Sergeant Blake, said he noticed the tracks of a motor car leading up the avenue to the yard of the house. He also noticed the tracks leading away from the house and turning in the direction of Miltown or Newbridge. Just outside the door of the house he found a sandwich wrapped up in a brown paper. Going into the house, he saw blood on the floor inside the kitchen. Blood had also been swept into a hole beside the fireplace.

A GRUESOME STORY.

Private James Cleary stated that in December, 1923, he was stationed at Portobello Barracks, in the Transport section. On the 13th December he had a conversation at Parkgate street with Colonel Costelloe in the transport shed. Witness had an Army motor car in the shed at the time—a Ford touring car. At five o'clock that evening Colonel Costelloe came out with three other men, one of whom was in uniform. This man, witness thought, was the accused.

Colonel Costelloe told him to drive the three officers to McKee Barracks, and, pointing to the man in uniform, said—"This is Captain Murray; he can drive the car." He told witness to give the car to the man called Captain Murray at the North Circular road.

Witness drove the three officers about 100 yards along the North Circular road, when the man called Captain Murray said it was far enough, and that he would drive the car. He asked as to what petrol was in the tank, and witness, after further conversation, got out of the car and handed it over to the man called Captain Murray. Witness subsequently saw the car being driven towards the Park gate.

The next day he saw the car standing outside the Telephone Exchange, Crown alley, Dublin, and derelict. There seemed to be blood on the back cushion, upholstery, floor-mat and running boards. Under the back cushion witness found some laundry—his own property—stained with blood, and also a cardboard box containing sandwiches. He took the car to Portobello Barracks, where he ordered it to be washed out the traces of blood, but did not succeed.

In reply to Mr. O'Reilly, witness said that he had not been asked by the police to attend any identification parade with reference to the accused. He himself was arrested on the 17th December, 1923, and was kept in Arbour Hill for four months, but he was not tried, nor was he ever told for what he was arrested. He was aware that Colonel Costelloe at that time was Director of Intelligence in the Army.

Sergeant John O'Leary, Civic Guard Depôt, deposed to taking a statement from Private Cleary similar to the evidence he now gave.

TRAIL OF A MOTOR CAR.

Chief Superintendent Jeremiah Maher, Civic Guard, said that following a report from Sergeant Blake he went to Ennis's house on the morning of Monday, 17th December, 1923. He described the nature of his investigations and discoveries there. In the sabnit he found the tie (produced). It was saturated with blood and covered with soot. He described the finding of bullet marks on the walls and bloodstains on a table in the kitchen, and also on the knob of the kitchen door. He saw the marks of a motor car in front of the house and took a cast of one of the tracks, which he now handed in. He had been able to trace the movements of the car before it got to Ennis's house, and he clearly traced it where it left the avenue and wheeled in the direction of Miltown. He had since examined the motor car in question, and found that the tyres were identical with the casts he took.

The case was further remanded till Wednesday next at 2 p.m.

Accused was afterwards removed under a strong military guard to Mountjoy Prison.

PROSECUTION DISMISSED.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REFRAINS FROM COMMENT.

At the Kilmoganny District Court yesterday, Thomas Holohan and John Roche were charged with obstructing Guards Halpin and Brady in the discharge of their duty by assaulting them on the night of December 12th.

Guard Brady, giving evidence, said that on the night of the 12th December he and Guard Halpin visited the village of Ballyhale, and entered the licensed premises of James Walsh. He found a crowd of young men there, all of whom were under the influence of drink. He remained in the taproom for some time awaiting developments, and about seven minutes afterwards the crowd passing out used very uncomplimentary remarks about the Guards. When the witness and Guard Halpin went out the crowd assumed a hostile attitude. Thomas Holohan refused to go home when requested, and the witness and Guard Halpin proceeded to arrest him.

John Roche said: "Holohan, they will never take you while I am here." The crowd became more hostile, and eventually the witness and Guard Halpin had to release the prisoner. The crowd started to abuse and kick the witness and his comrade, but after some time they succeeded in fighting their way through, and returned to the barracks.

Replying to Mr. M. P. Kenney, solicitor for the defendant, the witness admitted having had drinks in the taproom with Guard Halpin.

Questioned by Mr. McCabe, District Justice, the witness said that he knew there was something mentioned in the regulations about drinking while on duty. He did not hit Holohan, but drew his baton.

"What did you do with it?" asked Mr. McCabe. "I hit several," replied the witness.

Thomas Holohan alleged that he was struck on the nose by Guard Halpin and knocked down, without any provocation.

John Roche also alleged that he was struck on the head by Guard Halpin, who tried to twist his wrist.

The District Justice, in dismissing the case, said that a good deal of comments occurred to him to make on this unfortunate incident, but it would be better not to make them.

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TRADE OF DUBLIN PORT.

INCREASE IN INCOMING TONNAGE.

A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

At a special meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday Mr. Walter Baird was elected Chairman, and Mr. T. P. McCullagh Vice-Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board.

Senator Moran mentioned that many improvements had been made at the port during the past twelve months, and said that despite the prevalence of strikes, the incoming tonnage was equal to that of pre-war years. The Board's receipts for the year exceeded the expenditure by £30,000.

Referring to the development of tourist traffic, Senator Moran said that Senator the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess had arranged an interview between the Irish Tourist Association and the representatives of important American steamship companies.

THE ELECTIONS.

Mr. Thomas Crowe proposed the appointment of Mr. Baird as Chairman. He said that Mr. Baird had twenty years' experience.

Mr. William Hewat, who seconded the motion, and Mr. William Field both welcomed the Lord Mayor to the Board.

The Lord Mayor (who presided), in putting the resolution to the meeting, expressed his appreciation of the welcome that he had received. He explained that he attended the meeting from a sense of duty. Strange as it might seem, the order which dissolved the Corporation did not prevent its members from acting on other Boards. The position was farcical, and his colleagues decided not to attend any public board. He agreed with them, but he felt that a duty was cast upon him in his position as Lord Mayor to attend that meeting. Attempts had been made to belittle the position of Lord Mayor of Dublin, and on one occasion he was insulted in some quarters by being called the city down to the level of a provincial town.

"I may tell these gentlemen," the Lord Mayor added, "that no matter how they may try to carve up Ireland, Dublin is, has been, and always will be the capital of Ireland."

SERVICES TO THE CITY.

On behalf of the citizens, he thanked Senator Moran, the retiring Chairman, for all that he had done for the port and for the city. He felt that in selecting Mr. Baird to be his successor the Board had made a good choice in view of the troublesome times to come. Few knew the great services Mr. Baird was to the city. Mr. Baird, with Mr. Hewat and Mr. David Barry, rendered great service in keeping the port open during the Great War. But for their discretion and discernment, he might now say it publicly, there were fears at one time that there would be a food famine in the city.

He sometimes thought that if a Conciliation Board were formed of such men as the three he had mentioned, along with the Labour leaders, it would help to tide over many difficulties, and remove many of the little frictions between Capital and Labour. He had pleasure in declaring Mr. Baird Chairman for the year 1925.

Mr. Baird, having taken the chair, thanked the Board for the honour conferred on him. It was, he said, with great regret that he had found that they were not to have, as in the past, their colleagues from the Corporation.

On the motion of Mr. Hollwey, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. McCullagh was appointed Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Crowe, proposing a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for presiding, said that they all sympathised with him in the present position. He hoped that it would not be long before the Board would have the representatives of the Corporation in their places around their table again.

Senator Moran seconded.

Mr. Hewat said that the Lord Mayor had preeminently shown himself to be a man of public spirit. In his statement, the Lord Mayor had very properly emphasised the importance of Dublin as the premier city of Ireland. (Hear, hear.)

The Lord Mayor thanked the Board for the resolution of thanks.

On the motion of Mr. Hollwey, seconded by Mr. Field, a vote of thanks to Senator Moran for his services as Chairman during the past year was passed.

STORY OF PROGRESS.

Senator Moran, acknowledging the compliment, dealt briefly with some of the principal activities at the port during the year. Those included the extension of the deep water berthage at the Alexandra Wharf and the abolition of the absurd system of dual control of the Board and the Corporation in the cleansing of the quays. A statement of the registered tonnage of vessels entering the port during the year was an indication that the country was not going down the hill as fast as some people seemed to think. Although there were several strikes during the year, the incoming tonnage was up to the pre-war figure. The comparative figures for the past three years were:—

	1924.	1923.	1922.
Foreign	599,631	530,303	509,923
Cross-Channel and Coast-wise	1,682,872	1,358,889	1,595,843
	2,282,503	1,889,192	2,083,766

The surplus of receipts over expenditure was about £30,000 for the year. The re-opening of the Dublin Dockyard after three years was already bringing the Board a certain amount of revenue.

He next referred to the efforts made to develop tourist traffic. In this connection he read the following telegram, which he received on Wednesday:—

"Since wiring you this morning, I have had a visit from important steamship people in America especially interested in the development of American tourist business to Europe, including Ireland, and it is most important that your deputation should be able to explain to them on Monday forenoon what you can do to accommodate American tourists in Irish hotels, boarding and lodging houses, etc. You should bring with you whatever literature you have covering resorts in Ireland, including hotels and other places of interest, suitable for distribution throughout the United States."

That telegram came from the "English Director" they had heard so much of lately. That gentleman (the Right Hon. H. G. Senator Burgess) had arranged to receive a deputation from the Irish Tourist Association, of which he (Senator Moran) was President. He knew that Mr. Burgess was ready to do anything in reason to further tourist traffic in Ireland.

CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

The Co. Wicklow Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wrote asking that in the event of the Government consenting to receive a deputation on the subject of the treatment of cattle in transit, the Board would appoint representatives to join in the deputation. Other reforms which would be put before the Government by their Chairman, Lord Powerscourt, were:—(1) Important fairs and markets be held on fair greens or fields, and not in the streets; (2) that "V" loading pens be provided at all railway stations; (3) that cattle trains take precedence over all other trains, as in Canada, and if not that the shunting of cattle to railway sidings be absolutely prohibited, and that a minimum rate of speed for cattle trains be fixed; (4) drovers to be licensed; (5) drovers to use a regulation goad only; (6) improper use of goads to be punishable by fine or imprisonment, and heavy license; (7) Government supervision to be amply sufficient to cope with the inspection necessary; (8) on boats proper ventilation be provided and due space allowed, and where possible, cattle to be tied; (9) that humane societies' inspectors be allowed at all railway stations and docks and on board ships.

The Chairman said that, while they were all sympathetically disposed to the subject of the communication, subscription to all the suggested reforms was a matter for discussion. He believed that a considerable conference was being arranged for the discussion of the whole question, and if that were brought about there might be no necessity for the deputation.

Mr. Field said that there ought to be an inquiry by the Government to find out exactly where the damage was done. At the same time, if there was a deputation he thought the Board should be represented.

Messrs. Field and Leonard were appointed to join the deputation, should such be required.

The Superintendent of the Harbour Police submitted a report, giving details of what, in his opinion, was a case of gross cruelty to cattle that were being driven along the North Wall. He set out the steps that he had taken to identify the alleged offenders, and stated that a summons for cruelty was being taken out by the Dublin Metropolitan Police, and that he would be a witness in the case.

The Chairman remarked that the report was a very important one.

The Board directed that a letter be sent to the captain and crew of the s.s. Ellen Holmes, in appreciation of their gallantry and good seamanship in effecting the rescue of the crew of a shipwrecked trawler, and in bringing safely to port during the recent storm two fishing boats.

REAFFORESTATION.

BIG SCHEME IN THE FREE STATE.

Writing to the Committee of Agriculture for the County Roscommon, the Department of Agriculture stated that they had acquired for reforestation lands throughout the Saorstat comprising a total of 29,524 acres. Of this total, 5,400 acres were planted by the Department up to the end of 1924. Forestry operations were in progress and about 200 men were employed in connection with the work. The Department's afforestation programme for the 1924-25 season includes 2,000 acres of this property. They were negotiating for an additional 1,700 acres, and were prepared to consider the acquisition of plots of suitable land, not less than 200 acres, for reafforestation. The land for such purpose should consist of semi-waste land or rough mountain grazing land. With few exceptions, ground covered with deep bog, mountain sides and hilltops exposed to prevailing winds, bare rock, and land of about 1,000 feet above sea level (not including such sheltered valleys and glens) might be classed as unsuitable. The prices paid by the Department for areas would be governed solely by the utility of the land for the purpose, and they would be glad to receive particulars of such lands.

The Chairman (Canon Cummins) said that landlords leaving the country had little thought for the amenities of the place, and either sold or had cut down all the trees on their property. He was sorry to see that some of the new tenants were their rivals in vandalism.

Mr. C. T. McCarthy said that it would be possible to get plots of from 50 to 60 acres, but certainly very few of 100 acres. The Arigna Mountains, on the south side, would be a suitable place for planting.

Mr. Judge said that the Department might give a grant in favour of planting the demesne lands in Donamon. There were 1,000 acres fit for reafforestation, and Lord Crofton had told him that he had forty acres suitable for planting.

Mr. Kelly—If Lord Crofton was supplied with the trees would he plant them himself?

Mr. Judge—He might. He had supplied the poor people with trees for firing.

Mr. Kelly said that where they had found a landlord like Lord Crofton supplying wood to poor people for firing, they might ask the Department to give them sufficient trees to replace those that had been cut.

The Secretary said that he was aware that Lord Crofton had done a great deal of good in that way in the town, and to many people he gave free bog.

After some further discussion the following resolution was passed:—"That the Department be informed that this winter many owners of wooded lands are giving timber to the public for firing, free or at a nominal cost, and this Committee is of opinion that some recompense should be made to them by the Department in a form to encourage tree planting. The Committee is further of opinion that the area mentioned (300 acres) is not available in this county, and that a number of smaller parcels of land be worked under one scheme. If this is agreed to, advertisements are to be inserted for such plots."

HILARY LAW TERM.

BUSINESS ABOVE THE AVERAGE.

The Hilary Law Sittings, which will commence in the High Courts of Justice, Dublin Castle, on Monday next, are likely to provide as much work as the present number of judges can dispose of before the term expires.

There are many cases yet to be dealt with which had to be held over from the last term owing to pressure of work, and these, of course, have been augmented during the recess, and will be further increased during the incoming session. The Central Criminal Court, being served by a High Court Judge, reduced the number of Judges available in the High Courts for a considerable time, and this, probably, has been responsible for a number of cases being left over.

CASES FOR THE JURY.

The jury panel will be called on Tuesday. There are already six special jury cases and twenty common jury cases listed for hearing. In the special jury list are the cases in which Jasper Tully and the *Herald* Works, Ltd., Boyle, are sued for alleged libel, and in which Jasper Tully claims damages against the defendants in the second action for alleged conspiracy.

The majority of the common jury cases are actions for damages for personal injuries. One of them is a matrimonial suit. Sixteen non-jury cases have already been set down for trial, including several probate cases. There are three cases by the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society dealing with the question of guarantees; and two against the Ministry for Defence. One of these is brought by the Imperial Hotel, Cork, for goods alleged to have been sold and delivered, and the other is by H. J. Bowens in connection with cattle sold.

The number of *Nisi Prius* cases is above the average of cases listed for the opening of Hilary Terms.

COMMON LAW.

On the common law side there are eleven cases pending in *certiorari*, *mandamus* and *quo warranto*. Two of these are cases in which it is sought to upset the elections of conservators of fisheries in the Ballina district.

There are also six special cases stated on the revenue side. Two important cases are appeals by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue against the Bank of Ireland and against the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company. The former is one of considerable importance, as it raises the question whether the liability of the Corporation of the Bank of Ireland in regard to corporation profits tax is limited or unlimited. The appeals of Fitzgerald v. the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and of Bolands Ltd., v. Davis, Inspector of Taxes, are included in the list.

Appeals from decisions of the Circuit Court Judges, of which there are sixty, will come on. This is new and additional work, which will be a permanent feature of the High Courts in future.

There are two magistrates' cases stated, and one case referred to the High Court by a District Justice on his own initiative under Section 85 of the High Courts of Justice Act.

The latest list for Tuesday next contains forty motions on notice and six summonses and attendance orders.

CHANCERY DIVISION.

In the Chancery Division there are standing seventeen trials and ten applications and motions which could not be reached last sittings owing to pressure of business, and others are coming in. The cases are of a substantial nature, and, with heavy chamber work added, the Judges will have a very busy time. The case, part heard, which raises questions of the pay, etc., of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, has been fixed for the second week of this term, with amended pleadings, and may occupy several days.

The Court of Criminal Appeal will have six appeals to come before it, one of them being in relation to a County Cork murder charge, in which the appellant is Mary Moynihan.

In the Supreme Court there are ten new trial motions and twelve ordinary appeals, some of which will be of a heavy nature. The case of Wigg v. the Attorney-General, one of them, relates to questions of the compensation and pension of civil servants; and that of Weldon and Mooney, another, is a County Dublin case of an involved character dealing with a question of next-of-kin.

POLICE SEIZE PRIVATE STILL.

Members of the Civic Guard from Buncrana, County Donegal, on Tuesday night cycled to the Illies district and saw signals near an untenanted house. In the house they found a big fire burning and a still working. The men who had been working it, however, had fled. The Guards seized the still, but in order to remove it they had to leave their bicycles. When they returned their bicycles were gone. Yesterday they found another still and recovered one of their bicycles.

A Cairo telegram reports that a £50,000 contract for the installation of an automatic telephone exchange in Egypt has been secured by Messrs. Siemens, Ltd., of Woolwich.

FLUKE IN SHEEP.

DISEASE CAUSED BY WET LANDS.

EXPERIMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

At the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction at Roscommon on Wednesday, the Very Rev. Canon Cummins in the chair, the Secretary said that Mr. McCarthy, one of the Department's veterinary surgeons, was present to give them his advice as how to deal with the mortality amongst sheep from liver rot.

Mr. J. C. McCarthy (one of the Committee's instructors) reported that the disease known as liver rot or fluke had caused very serious losses in the sheep-farming districts, and had threatened to wipe out all the sheep on some farms. Young cattle were also victims of the disease. If immediate remedies were not adopted to deal with the epidemic, there might be a repetition of the losses of 1879. This year very few farms had escaped. In some cases at least one-third of the sheep had died, while in other cases the whole flock had been sold to butchers at a loss.

Mr. McCarthy (Department's Inspector) said that as the result of experiments the Department had discovered that there was a remedy for the epidemic in Danistol. Of course, where sheep were too far gone, it would be impossible to cure them. The disease arises from a little snail, which generally settles on the liver. This parasite is something like a sole, in a small way. The parasite is picked up from wet lands, and hence the epidemic is carried on.

Mr. Gavin asked what were the first symptoms of the disease.

Mr. McCarthy said that the sheep would appear to be unwell and become thinner, and eat badly.

Chairman—If you treat healthy sheep with this remedy, would it be injurious to them?

Mr. McCarthy—It would not; but where it has been applied in time, I have known 100 per cent. of the sheep to be cured. Another symptom of the disease was lumps on the throat.

Chairman—Will the Department provide this remedy?

Mr. McCarthy—I cannot say that; but it is only supplied to veterinary surgeons, and not to chemists.

The Chairman said it was strange that when such a serious epidemic had broken out the Department would not try and facilitate farmers in finding a remedy. Finding a remedy and keeping it in a sort of close borough was a poor sort of national aid.

It was decided that the Secretary should write to the Department on the subject.

SHANNON FLOODS FALLING.

FUEL SHORTAGE CAUSING UNEASINESS.

There was a fall of nearly five inches in the flooded Shannon at Banagher bridge yesterday. With a continuance of fine weather the floods will begin to recede everywhere.

When a school teacher visited his school in the Rathcabbin district on Wednesday he found three inches of water on the floor.

Friends, who arrived in a boat at a house which was surrounded by water on the Tipperary side of the Broosna, found a woman and one of her children ill and a second child dead. The woman and child who was alive were wrapped in blankets, and taken by boat to relatives in Offally, where they are doing well.

Later in the day the boat returned and the dead child's body was removed for burial.

The floods have caused a good deal of sickness, and the scarcity of fuel is causing much uneasiness.

THE LATE MR. F. M. LAIRD.

TRIBUTE IN POLICE COURT.

Mr. Francis Morrow Laird, B.A., of Sandycove, whose death took place on the 6th inst., was for over twenty years connected with the clerical department of the Dublin Metropolitan Police Courts. At the outbreak of the European war he joined the Officers' Training Corps at Trinity College. Rejected for a physical defect, he unnerved a successful operation, and afterwards joined the "Pals" Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He went to Gallipoli, where, the day after landing, he was wounded. He was invalided home, and after a year's treatment was again sent to the front, and was taken prisoner in 1917. To his colleagues on the staff of the Police Courts and to a widespread circle of friends his early death will occasion deep regret.

Before commencing the business of the District Courts yes

THE ENTRIES.

ANOTHER FRENCH INVASION.

CLOSE FINISHES AT TENBY.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday Night.

The actual entries for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which were published this afternoon in the *Racing Calendar*, attract about four times as much attention as do those for important events like the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire. I suppose the preliminary interest in this rather shoddy affair is accounted for by the fact that, though it is only early January, people love to think of the coming of racing on the flat—I mean the soft people who funk the rigours of the English winter and will not come out jumping.

A glance at the names of the horses engaged suggests that there is a possibility of the race again going to France, for all the candidates of real class in the race, except Parth, are French-owned and trained. The entry from across the Channel—ten all told—include their Two Thousand Guineas winner, Tanin; another of their crack three-year-olds of last year, Irismond, who ran so well in the Doncaster St. Leger; Fleet Cloud, one of their classic fillies; Golden Hope, the winner of an important race at Deauville; Gullemont, the winner of the Grand Prix de la Ville de Vichy, and Optimist, who was one of their crack two-year-olds, but trained off after winning last spring. Optimist is from the stable of Denman, who won last year with Sir Gallahad, and there is talk of shipping him to America soon; but Denman has also put in a good colt in Black Prince. Altogether, the French representation looks formidable on paper, and the handicapper is not much to be envied in his task.

The English entry, except for Parth, is not striking. I miss Twelve Pointer, but Mr. Persse is represented by Donsdien, Beresford, and Karl. There is no Diomedes—this was to be expected—and there is also no three-year-olds in the race—an unusual happening. From Ireland there are the names of Clonespoe and Grave Fairy and Tranquillette is also in the race.

I note, too, the names of Mignault and Dawson City, as well as those of Lighthouse, Dumas, Mr. Bliss, Jarvie, Dinkie D'Orsay, Arausio, and Pasha, as well as those of Evander and Pondoland, without which no handicap has been complete in the last couple of seasons. Arganthe, a good two-year-old in Ireland, who was not persevered with, is an interesting entry. I make one prediction about the race, and with some confidence—that is, that speculation over it will be infinitesimal until the French people have revealed their intentions. The entry at the first glance looks overwhelming.

The French have entered liberally all round. They have six in the City and Suburban, where Lord Derby has put in Sansovino, and fourteen in the Great Metropolitan Handicap. I note with pleasure the name of Tower Guard. Sansovino, St. Germans and Salmon Trout are all in the Gold Cup, as well as the supposedly best two-year-old of last season—Picaroon. A surprising entry in the Gold Cup is the Irish-bred colt Purple Shade, who has never run over more than six furlongs.

GOOD SPORT AT TENBY.

Sport at Tenby this afternoon seems to have been exciting; for, except in one case where the winner was remounted and finished alone, and another in which there was a half-length victory, all the races were won by heads or necks. Indeed, in the Victory Hurdle Trots won by a neck from Penceed, who was only a head in front of Drinkmore.

There is interesting racing to-morrow both at Gatwick and Haydock. BEN CRUCHAN runs at the former meeting, probably in the Amateurs' Steeplechase, which he may win if he can beat old Ardgour. I expect HUGH ILLYRIAN to win the Purley Steeplechase. Conyngham's colours with success in Ireland, is said to be a smart hurdler, and if he runs for the Four-Year-Old Handicap Hurdle might win a heat in his absence might be his stable companion SYNCOPATE.

At the time of writing BALLYMACRORY is not reported as having arrived for the Duddon Steeplechase at Haydock Park. If he runs he may win. In his absence I would choose UPPER RATHDUFF. LOW TIDE is an automatic selection for the Warrington Hurdle. An interesting competitor at the meeting may be the Grand National horse FLY MASK, who is in the Amateurs' Steeplechase. I doubt his being fit yet, and he may not be able to beat PARKANESKA.

GALTEE MORE.

"IRISH FIELD."

Commencing with the current week's issue, one of the best-known writers on English Racing will start a weekly letter on cross-Channel Racing, under the nom-de-plume of "Barcaldine."

BETTING FORECAST.

GATWICK.

1.0 Race.—7 to 4 agst. **Mask Man**, 5 to 2 The Saint IV., 4 to 1 Golden Victory, 6 to 1 Jonquil, 8 to 1 each Vocalion and Templebar, 10 to 1 each Cross Paddy and Square Cut, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race.—6 to 4 agst. Deerslayer, 2 to 1 May B., 4 to 1 Troika, 5 to 1 each Bypo and Victor Noir, 7 to 1 Konky, 8 to 1 each Stronsay and Executioner, 10 to 1 any other.

2.0 Race.—2 to 1 agst. Navana, 3 to 1 Ben Cruchan, 9 to 2 Libretto, 6 to 1 Gracious Gift, 8 to 1 Patsey V., 10 to 1 St. George II., 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race.—5 to 2 agst. Alopex, 7 to 2 Pantagruel II., 9 to 2 Crock Hill, 5 to 1 Brandyball, 6 to 1 Benjamin Cherry, 8 to 1 Isle of Wight, 10 to 1 each Antimagic and Verneuil II., 100 to 8 any other.

3.0 Race.—7 to 4 agst. Hugh O'Neill, 3 to 1 Mr. Madcap, 9 to 2 Yorick, 5 to 1 Ardnous, 7 to 1 Head Master, 8 to 1 Charlie Wise, 10 to 1 each Adalew and Wolsey, 100 to 8 any other.

3.25 Race.—2 to 1 agst. Syncopate, 7 to 2 Spear o' War, 4 to 1 Billy Beck, 5 to 1 Golden Fizz, 8 to 1 each Ormada and Japspear, 10 to 1 Perusia, 100 to 8 Swordsman, 100 to 6 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

GATWICK.

1. 0—Mask Man.
1.30—May B.
2. 0—Ben Cruchan.
2.30—Pantagruel II.
3. 0—Hugh O'Neill.
3.25—Syncopate.

DOUBLE.—May B. and Hugh O'Neill (nap).

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Hugh O'Neill. Double—Hugh O'Neill and Parkaneska.

Daily News :—Double — Low Tide and Jimmy.

Daily Express :—Double — Low Tide and Syncopate. Safety bet—Low Tide (to win).

Daily Mirror :—Double—Mask Man (nap) and Syncopate.

Daily Graphic :—Double—Ben Cruchan and Priority.

TENBY RESULTS.

1.30—PARK HOUSE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. A. Harrison's b. m. SQUANCOURT, by Grenagate—Affirmative, 12-0 ..... D. Read 1
Also ran—Sorrel Hill (F. Walwyn), Bendalier (Tredgill). Off 1.30 (Winner trained by D. Hastings.)

Betting—Evens SQUANCOURT, 7 to 4 agst. Gendalier, 6 to 1 Sorrel Hill. Squancourt finished alone; the others fell.

2.0—TOWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. Second receives 8 sovs. 3 m.

Capt. Stanyforth's ch. g. CONDOR, by Carnache—Lost On, 8, 12-12 ..... Owner 1
Mrs. Basil Mundy's MASTER HARRY ..... Owner 2
Mrs. F. A. Spencer's HOPEFUL 10-9
Mr. P. Bowen's ..... Mr. P. Bowen 3
Also ran—Nolan Guard (Tredgill). Off at 2.0.

Betting—5 to 4 on CONDOR, 2 to 1 agst. Hopeful, 5 to 1 Harry Hart, 10 to 1 Nolan Guard.

Won by a head; two furlongs.

2.30—LICENSED VICTUALLERS' SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £200. 2 m.

Miss G. M. Yates's b. g. SMERDIS, by Bombie—Sizzambis, 5, 11-2 ..... Owner 1
Mr. D. F. Thomas's LITTLE MILFORD 9-10-13
Mr. Peck's COLCANNON ..... Mr. Reed 3
Also ran—Carantuohill (J. Anthony). Off at 3.31. (Winner trained by Yates.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Little Milford, 7 to 4 SMERDIS, 5 to 1 Carantuohill, 100 to 8 Colcannon

Won by half a length; a bad third. Carantuohill fell.

3.0—VICTORY HURDLE RACE of 60 sovs. For horses that, in closing, have not won a hurdle race. Second receives 6 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. V. H. Jones' TRETES, 4, 10-2 ..... A. Yates 1
Lt.-Col. F. Lort Phillips' PENCOED ..... Mr. D. Thomas 2
Mrs. Hobart's DRINKMORE, 6, 10-13 ..... J. Anthony 3

Also ran—Some Dance (Owner), Park House (D. Doyle), Pretext (Lt. Rees), Clyno (Tredgill), B.V. (Mr. Doyle), Psyche (F. Allden). Off at 3.3 (Winner trained by Yates.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Some Dance, 5 to 2 Drinkmore, 4 to 1 TRETES, 6 to 1 each B.V. and Pretext, 10 to 1 Pencoed, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a neck; a head.

3.30—UNITED COUNTIES FARMERS' AND TRADESMEN'S HURDLE RACE of 26 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. W. Evans's g. MILL LAD, by Lowvale—Hill Boy, 4, 10-10 ..... Mr. Griffiths 1
Mr. T. G. Phelps' SORREL, 4, 12-0 ..... Mr. P. Dennis 2
Mr. T. John's JUMPER, 4, 12-0 Mr. D. Bevan 3

Also ran—Sweet VII. (Mr. D. Williams), Maxpower II. (Mr. T. Jones), Lady C. (Mr. V. Bennis), Natal Day (Mr. G. Williams), Causeway II. (Mr. D. Thomas). Off at 3.31. (Winner trained Privately.)

Betting—4 to 4 agst. Sorrell, 2 to 1 MILL LAD, 9 to 2 Natal Day, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by a neck; six lengths.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

GATWICK MEETING.

Moderate Handicap Hurdle Race—Southpool, Roi du Ciel. Four Years Old Hurdle—Espino.

Purley Steeplechase—Double Chance.

Gatwick Arrangements, January 9th and 10th—Financier, Frills Hilton, Miss Bleeks, Lokeston.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Burton Steeplechase, Derby—My Royal.

Hopeful Hurdle, Plumpton—Fortisamo.

All engagements—Blackdown (dead). Drumvaney, All published Handicaps—Rambling Rose, and engagements in Mr. K. Mackay's name.

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ROWING.

IRISH AMATEUR ROWING UNION.

The annual general meeting of the I.A.R.U. will be held on February 28th, and club secretaries are requested to send forward to the Secretary any business brought forward to the Secretary of the Union, 27 V. Rovers, 51 Cayl street, as soon as possible.

Attention is also drawn to Rule 15 of the articles of Association, which states that if incumbent on each affiliated club to forward to the I.A.R.U. Secretary previous to annual general meeting, the names of competent umpires, judges, timekeepers, and starters for regattas scheduled to be held under I.A.R.U. rules.

Regatta secretaries are requested to send in notice, on or before the 28th instant, if they contemplate holding a regatta in the coming season and the dates of same, so that the fixture may be submitted for sanction in accordance with rule.

BOAT RACE PRACTICE.

CAMBRIDGE PROSPECTS.

Cambridge will be first on the water for this year's Boat Race, which has been fixed for the 31st day, March (Sat.). A very wise move in view of the amount of likely material which they have to pick from. The President, R. E. Morrison, has brought up a number of men, and training will begin to-day, leaving rather more than eleven weeks before the race.

Seven Blues, including the coxswain, A. Brown (Caius), will be available, but whether all of these or a majority get places remains to be seen. It must be remembered that the Trial eights rowed last month, disclosed so much talent and the task of selection will not be easy.

One of the most useful in the boat is likely to be Yarborough (Eton and King's), and it is more than likely that he will get the stroke thwart.

A. Beran was quite the best at the stroke thwart. Weights and speed rowed a good race in the winning crew at No. 5, and a couple of Blues, Burgess (Caius) and W. J. P. Goodhody (Jesus), members of the school crew which showed such wonderful form, and won the Ladies' Plate at Henley last year, have also been called on.

Hill Boy, 4, 10-10 ..... Mr. Griffiths 1
Mr. T. G. Phelps' SORREL, 4, 12-0 ..... Mr. P. Dennis 2
Mr. T. John's JUMPER, 4, 12-0 Mr. D. Bevan 3

Also ran—Sweet VII. (Mr. D. Williams), Maxpower II. (Mr. T. Jones), Lady C. (Mr. V. Bennis), Natal Day (Mr. G. Williams), Causeway II. (Mr. D. Thomas). Off at 3.31. (Winner trained Privately.)

Betting—4 to 4 agst. Sorrell, 2 to 1 MILL LAD, 9 to 2 Natal Day, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by a neck; six lengths.

CHESS.

BLACKROCK MEETS DUBLIN IN ARMSTRONG CUP.

The Armstrong Cup matches are taking place with remarkable regularity. Hardly a week goes over the Christmas period without a fixture. Last week Dublin Club at the rooms in Lincoln place. The Blackrock team, including the leading champion of the club, was a very strong team, including the leading champion of the club, was a very strong one, and some first-class chess was the result.

Not an early stage of the evening Mr. Reynolds scored first blood for Dublin, and soon afterwards a draw was announced between Messrs. Gillespie and Morrissey. The game between Messrs. Laracy and Pearson was remarkable for the fact that after nearly two hours' play and 18 moves a-side, no pawn had disappeared.

At the first board Mr. MacDonagh took the exceptionally courageous course in match play of choosing the Evans Gambit. His opponent's reply was most orthodox, and the game did not present any exciting features. When both were pressed for time at the close of the second hour the defender perceptibly got the vantage.

Mr. Doyle, in an irregular opening, won a piece early in the game, and after a tough struggle, lasting over 3½ hours, the victory was signed. Mr. Wallace, by winning a Rook, made a successful attack, and won the game.

Messrs. Falkiner and Gillespie were adjourned after the same course was taken by Messrs. MacDonagh and Cranston, and still later by Messrs. Tenison and Laracy. Dublin Club, in any event, wins the match.

The teams are given below. Blackrock played White on the boards with odd numbers, as did Dublin on those with even numbers.

	Blackrock.	Dublin.
1.	W. G. Cranston.	A. A. MacDonagh.
2.	N. H. Wallace.	R. T. Varian.
3.	C. Doyle.	J. F. Gerrard.
4.	P. J. Laracy.	C. Pearson.
5.	R. W. Archer Wilson.	W. Crawford.
6.	A. F. Falkiner.	P. J. Gillespie.
7.	J. H. Reynolds.	H. M. Deckrell.
8.	A. E. Beaven.	J. W. Tonkin.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

THE INMAN CUP HANDICAP.

The Donore Harriers will hold their annual race for the Inman Cup, over a course of four miles on Meadowbrook, Dundrum, on to-morrow, at 3.30 o'clock. Entries (train, Rathmines street, 12.15). The following handicap has been framed by the Handicapper (Committee Man H. Harris, scr.): P. Purcell, 15 secs.; S. Pearson, 30 secs.; J. Anthony, 3 mins.; J. R. Hardiman, 1 min. 45 secs.; D. Reid and J. Davis, 2 mins.; T. Murphy, 2 mins. 45 secs.; P. Byrne and W. Cooke, 3 mins.; G. Kenny, 4 mins. 45 secs.; J. Vaughan, 4 mins. 15 secs.; H. Hudson, 4 mins. 30 secs.; J. Young, P. Fowler, C. Gore and F. Cahill, 4 mins. 45 secs.; J. Moorland, J. Lundoon, J. J. Micklewright, J. McNamara and H. Knight, 5 mins.; W. Hilson and G. Lewis, 5 mins. 15 secs.; K. McCormick, J. Keegan and S. Meredith, 5 mins. 30 secs.; F. Rogers, 6 mins. 45 secs.; A. Somerville, R. Orr, T. Morgan, J. Cooke, H. Cowan, 6 mins.

HAYDOCK PARK

PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Excellent entries have been received for the popular Lancashire meeting which opens to-day, and, judging from the number of boxes ordered, fields will reach a good average, so that racing should be brisk. The most valuable event in the first day's programme is the Warrington Handicap Hurdle Race, for which Dudley has incurred the full penalty. Lord Londesborough's gelding is now set a severe task to shoulder 12st. 2lb. to victory, and the probability is that Harry Brown's stable will rely on Bruff Battle, who is also penalised. Low Tide won in such convincing style at Manchester that, even with his penalty, Coulthwaite's charge looks a very tempting proposition. Corney Grain, Gyroscope, and Holy Fooks I like best of the others, but I cannot fancy anything to beat Low Tide. Selections:—

Ashton Hurdle—**Coulthwaite's selected.**
Culcheth Steeplechase—**Alkes Drum.**
Warrington Hurdle—**Low Tide.**
Friday Hurdle—**Transform.**
Gerard Steeplechase—**Drumree.**
Amateur Riders' Steeplechase—**Fly Mask.**

1.0—ASHTON HURDLE RACE of 160 sovs. for horses that have not won a hurdle race to closing. Second receives 10 sovs. 2 m.

ARRAVALE (Mr. C. B. Barron) ..... G. Armstrong 9 11 7
QUILP (Mr. T. M. Lofthouse) ..... Roberts 8 11 7
SNOW CREST (Mr. M. ....) ..... Peacock 8 11 7
ORPI (Mr. H. D. Bazley) ..... Peacock 9 11 7
LOW TIDE (Mr. J. Burns) ..... Bazley 9 11 7
MOUNTAIN STAG (Mr. C. Taylor) ..... Coulthwaite 5 11 3
BRIDGE OF CAHIR (Mr. C. E. Parker) ..... Coulthwaite 4 10 7
DUSKY BRAVE (Mr. J. Bancroft) ..... Parker 4 10 7

(The above have arrived.)

FIRE WATER (Sir George Abercromby) ..... Jackson 6 11 7
REDPOST (Mr. G. Barnett) ..... Jackson 6 11 7
FIDDLEBACK (Mr. Edward Clark) ..... Burns 6 11 7
LAMONT (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) ..... Bradley 6 11 7
SWEET CLEMATIS (Sir Lycett Green) ..... Barthropp 6 11 7
HOPE DEFERRED (Capt. J. Harrison-Broadley) ..... Bradley 6 11 7
DRUMVANEY (Mr. T. K. Laidlaw) ..... Coulthwaite 6 11 7
CARRIG LONG (Mr. D. Power) ..... Coulthwaite 5 11 7
BABY'S BOTTLE (Mr. R. Renton) ..... Lusby 6 11 7
PAULINUS (Miss Helen Rodocanachi) ..... Renton 8 11 7
BALLYMACRORY (Mr. E. C. Ross) ..... Powell 6 11 7
PORNOVO (Mrs. Sanday) ..... Sanday 6 11 7
DR.... BHALLA (Mrs. E. D. Shafto) ..... Moss 8 11 7
NUMA (Mr. A. B. Tully) ..... Lacy 8 11 7
THE CHARMER (Sir Delves Broughton) ..... McCall 8 11 7
CANTERBURY (Mr. J. Burns) J. Burns 6 11 7
CELEBRATE (Mr. G. Barclay) Barclay 5 11 3
KELVIN (Lt. Carnarvon) H. A. Brown 5 11 3
RECTIFY (Mr. C. Coen) M. Dawson 5 11 3
DRUMMER (Mr. H. Worsley-Worsley) ..... Alden 5 11 3
STAUNCH LASSIE (Mr. F. Green, jun.) ..... E. Payne 6 11 3
RUSHFIELD (Mr. J. Hutchison) Hutchison 5 11 3
AZIMUTH (Mr. Gilbert Johnstone) ..... Powell 5 11 3
DARRAGH (Mr. T. Queen) ..... E. Piggott 5 11 3
WIND SWEPT (Mr. J. Ramsden) ..... Willis 5 11 3
DONOVAN (Maj. W. H. Renwick) ..... Renwick 5 11 3
M'CHALL (Mrs. N. Roberts) ..... Renwick 5 11 3
PUT AND TAKE (Mr. J. G. Thompson) ..... Saxby 5 11 3
NCIR (Lady Ria Wernher) ..... Weatherall 5 11 3
SUN GOLD (Mr. G. Gunter) ..... Whitaker 5 11 3
HERTFACE (Mr. J. Holmes) ..... H. Brown 4 10 7
PONY BOY (Lady Wavertree) ..... Bradley 4 10 7

MUSIC STAR (Mr. J. McLean) ..... Ferguson 4 10 7
RC TAL ORB (Mr. ....) ..... Swallow 4 10 7
BALLYLANCE (Mr. G. Baxter) ..... Gunter 4 10 7
LADY ..... (Mr. ....) ..... Sutcliffe 4 10 7

1.30—GULDERTH SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Winner to be sold for £250. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.

BACHELOR'S LADY (Mr. D. Hutchinson) ..... M. Dawson 9 12 7
CAMELOT (Mr. J. McLean) ..... McGuigan 12 11 0
UNCLE JAMES (Mr. Jos. Ramsden) ..... Woodland 11 11 6
AIKEN DRUM (Mr. Holford Harrison) ..... Powell 11 11 6
THE ANTELOPE II. (7lb. ex.) (Mr. H. Harrison) ..... H. Harrison 9 11 5
M. ..... (Mr. ....) ..... Powell a 10 7

MOUNT PROSPECT (Mrs. J. C. White) ..... M. Dawson 9 12 7
MRS. DRUMMOND (Lt. Grimsthorpe) ..... Barrow 9 12 0
HEATHENCOTE (7lb. ex.) (Mr. ....) ..... Palmer 9 12 0
TIM (Mr. W. Wood) ..... Parker 12 12 0
TURNING POINT (Maj. D. M. Mathews) ..... Stanley 14 11 10
STROLLING KNIGHT (Mr. R. Brown) ..... Powell 9 11 6
OUR QUEEN (Mr. Gibson) ..... Private 11 11 5
WARRINGTON (Sir T. Unsworth) Private 10 11 5
LITTLE ENGLAND (Mr. T. Carr) ..... Owen 11 11 5
PASTURES NEW (Mr. R. Thelwall) ..... Thelwall 15 10 15
HERMOCLES (Mr. Sanday) ..... Sanday 6 10 12
BARNEY O'GRADY (J. Braithwaite) Vasey 6 10 10
WOOD ANT (Mr. M. J. Cumbes) ..... Vasey 6 10 10

2.0—WARRINGTON HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. and 100 sovs. Second receives 30 sovs. and third 5 sovs. 2 m.

BRUFF BATTLE (Mr. H. A. Brown) ..... H. Brown 6 11 10
(5lb. ex.) ..... Coulthwaite 5 11 5

(The above has arrived.)

DUDLEY (9lb. ex.) (Lord Londesborough) ..... Bradley 6 12 2
SCALINO (Mr. J. B. Thornton) J. T. Dodd 6 11 12
PHANTOM CHASE (Mr. Robert Liddell) ..... Peacock 6 11 11
MAURICE GILLOIS (Mr. J. A. ....) ..... Coen 6 11 7
GYROSCOPE (Mr. J. Settle) ..... C. Davis 4 11 5
CORNEY GRAIN (Mr. Arthur Dewes) ..... Fergusson 6 11 0
LOW TIDE (9lb. ex.) (Mr. R. Bowman) ..... Renwick 4 10 12
CYZARA (Capt. J. Harrison-Broadley) ..... Renwick 4 10 12
HOLY FOOKS (Mr. F. Burke) ..... M. Dawson 10 10 12
LEGEND (Mr. J. McLean) ..... J. McGuigan 8 10 12
HALBERDIER (Mr. W. Whitehead) ..... Payne 9 10 11
WISE PRINCE (5lb.) (Mr. A. Blake) ..... Moss 8 11 8
NO WORRY (Mr. C. Blackmore) ..... Private 7 10 8
SAILOR SON (Lord Barnby) ..... Kirwan 10 10 8
BELGIAN BOY (Mr. L. A. Oppenheim) ..... Smallwood 5 10 8
FRUSCINO (Mr. W. Paul) ..... Sanday 9 10 6
SNAKE ASH (Mr. J. Talbot) ..... Sutcliffe 9 10 6
HONEYCOMB (Mr. H. Tait) ..... Sutcliffe 9 10 6
BRIGHT KNIGHT (Mr. T. Hall) ..... Sutcliffe 9 10 6

2.30—SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Winner to be sold for £200. Second receives 30 sovs. 2 m.

NONE BUT YEX (Mr. C. M. Methven) ..... Bradley 6 11 7
KISSING BONG (Mr. M. J. Cummings) ..... Newey 4 10 7

(The above have arrived.)

BED ROCK (Mrs. Barthropp) Barthropp 10 11 7
MINIKIN'S PRIDE (Mr. D. Bazley) ..... Bazley 6 11 7
VICTORY SPEECH (Mr. F. J. Benson) ..... Peacock 6 11 7
JEAN AINSLIE (Mr. A. Bozman) ..... Bozman 6 11 7
SILVER MORSEL (Mr. F. Barker) ..... Payne 6 11 7
BUCKET (Mr. E. F. Davis) ..... Davis 7 11 7
TIPPERARY BOY (Mr. John Doyle) ..... Doyle 6 11 7
TOM POOL (Mr. P. Foster) ..... Owner 6 11 7
DANCEAU (Mr. A. D. McAlpine) ..... Private 11 11 7
RORY'S GLEN (Mr. C. L. Mackenzie) ..... Magee 7 11 7
DUNDONALD (Mr. L. Oppenheim) ..... Barthropp 7 11 7
TRANSFORM (Miss H. Rodocanachi) ..... Powell 9 11 7
SAY (Mr. R. C. Ross) ..... Moss 10 11 7
VESUVIUS (Chris.-Gen. J. Ritson) ..... Alden 5 11 5
CROZET (Miss D. Smallwood) ..... G. Read 6 11 7
SON O' LEE (Mr. J. Smith) ..... J. Burns 10 11 7
CLONROSE PENNY (Mr. A. G. Doocy) ..... E. Payne 6 11 5
YAMBRACK (Mr. C. Green) C. Piggott 5 11 3
BABU (Mr. Holmes) ..... D. Harrison 5 11 3
COYPOU (Mr. A. McCann) ..... M. Dawson 6 10 12
QUEEN ROBERTA (Mr. C. Bower) ..... Kemp 11 11 7
OLIVERBURY (Mr. W. A. Lisp) ..... Lyall 11 11 7
CAPPAWHITE (Mr. D. A. Baker) ..... Smyth 11 11 7
COUNGER PROPOSITION (Mrs. Stevens) ..... Stevens 11 6
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. J. G. Thomson) ..... Bradley 6 11 7
GLEN GALANTE (Lt.-Col. Whitaker) ..... Payne 11 11 6
PERUSIA (Major A. G. G. Gillan) McDougall 11 11 6
EVOLUTE (Mr. T. Hutton) ..... G. Poole 11 11 6
ROCKING HORSE (Mr. R. E. Wills) ..... De Winton 11 11 4
BLUE RUIN (Mr. J. Pountauld) ..... De Winton 11 11 4
SPEAR O' WAR (Mr. G. Bennett) ..... Law 11 11 3
CLAYMORE (Mr. R. E. Wills) ..... De Winton 11 11 3
GRANDAD (Lady Westmorland) ..... Westmorland 11 11 2
PRINCE JEROME (Mr. R. Tiley) ..... Westmorland 11 11 2
MIXED DOUBLE (Mr. G. Bennett) ..... Leader 11 11 1
BILLY BECK (Mr. W. L. Green) ..... Owner 11 11 1
AWOBRAHAN (Mr. P. Whitaker) ..... Gwili 11 11 1
GOLDEN FIZZ (Lady H. Ewen) W. Payne 11 0
BRIVIAL—Ben Cruchan, Benjamin Cherry, Cash Box, May Eve, Perusia, The Saint IV., Swordsman, Turning Point, Wolsey.

GOLF.

HERMITAGE—Result of Wednesday Cup:—E. F. Bourke (14), 76, Class B; G. Messerry (7), 81.

CARRICKMINES (Ladies' Branch)—The annual general meeting will be held on Thursday next at 12 Molesworth street, at 11 o'clock. All members are invited to attend. Monthly medal, Wednesday; sixes.

GRANGE—Saturday—January Medals, hopey, Fitzpatrick—Saturday next, postponed monthly medal, stroke; postponed from January 5th.

KILLITERN (Ladies' Branch)—January 12th, medal, stroke; postponed from January 5th.

LAWN TENNIS.

BRITISH TOURING TEAM.

The team to represent Great Britain against Norway at Christiania on February 21st and 22nd, have Arrangements are practically complete. During their stay in Christiania the players will probably contest the national championships, and they will return to England on March 6th. The team will be:—Messrs. A. R. F. Kingscote, H. Roper Barrett, H. Roper Barrett, jun., Leon Meredith, and Miss Ryan.

RIVIERA LAWN TENNIS.

In the second round of the Mixed Doubles in the tournament on the Carlton Club Courts to-day Colonel Hillyard and Miss Langlois beat Mr. and Mrs. Brunet, 6-3, 6-0.

SPRING HANDICAPS.

THE ENTRIES.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP, a sweepstakes of three years each, with 1,000 sovs. added. For three years old and upwards. The Straight Mile. 24 runners.

RUN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

	Age.		Age.
Rurodael	a	Karl	6
Irish Eagle	a	Jamesmoville	6
Evander	a	Mademoiselle II.	4
Guinea Stamp	a	Harrybelle	4
Grave Fairy	a	Mademoiselle II.	4
Fleet Three	6	Fleet Cloud	4
Gullemont	6	Insight II.	4
Candover	6	Torchbearer II.	4
Signet	6	Golden Hope	4
Crimson Dawn	6	Tranquillette	4
Dan Yos	6	Arganthe	4
Pandora	6	Golden Rose II.	4
Pondoland	6	Grand Bartier	4
Mignault	6	Wrykham	4
Mouse Trap	6	L.S.D.	4
King Willow	6	Grand Bay	4
Lighthouse	6	Brunsleove	4
Parth	5	Rambrose	4
Carradoff	5	Mignault	4
Sonia	5	Mignault	4
Bonn	5	Bronze City	4
Pharos	5	Mr. Bliss	4
Wayward	5	Optimist II.	4
Dreamer	5	Helsby	4
Black Prince VII.	5	Phantom Harry	4
Jarvie	5	Rosetree	4
D'Orsay	5	All Green	4
Mardi Gras	5	Lackey	4
Dinkie	5	Green Fire	4
General Post	5	Lackey	4
Sunny Rose	5	Sackett	4
Hellaster	5	Sackett	4
Victoria	5	Brentford	4
Burragh	5	Brownlee	4
Argyle	5	Aureol	4
Celebrate	5		

LIVERPOOL SPRING CUP, a Handicap Plate of 1,000 sovs. Second to receive 100 sovs. and third the third 50 sovs. from the plate. For three years old and upwards. The Course, 1 m. 2 f. 120 yards.

RUN THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

	Age.		Age.
My Bird	a	Great Barrier	4
Evander	a	Tanin	4
Silver Basil	6	Obliterate	4
Boarding	6	Roadbank	4
Westmead	6	Brimstone	4
Sun Charmer	6	Invermark	4
Fornovo	6	Lighthouse	4
Lighthouse	6	Sackett	4
Actius	5	Bucks Yeoman	4
Dancing Hill	5	Star of Gold	4
Lachonia	5	Sansovino	4
Mardi Gras	5	Mandelieu	4
Dinkie	5	Hammett	4
Sierra Leone	5	Bronze	4
Darragh	5	Riverside	4
Darragh	5	Tredina	4
Noce D'Argent	5		

GREAT METROPOLITAN STAKES (handicap) of 5 sovs each, 7 sovs. extra if not struck out by Tuesday, March 31st, and 5 sovs. for starters, with 600 sovs. added. For three years old and upwards. About 2½ miles.

RUN AT EPSOM TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

	Age.		Age.
Rol Rouge	a	Right Ho	4
Virginia	a	Judith O'Malley	5
Light Dragoon	a	Stuff Gowns	4
Mister Black	a	Vionnet	4
Centoron	a	Polezel	4
Sancroft	6	Crewe	4
Bellman	6	Brown	4
Jest	6	Brimstone	4
Southern Flight	6	Cloudbank	4
Boddam	6	Jack	4
Master Harold	6	Purple Image	4
Sanazaro	6	Goddess	4
Eastern Monarch	5	Buddha	4
Bristol	5	Harrish	4
Sweetlight	5	Vionil	4
Shagreen	5	Nacks	4
Harpenden	5	Necessitude	4
Prince Sadim	5	Dalmyo	4
Lady Choice	5	Nepos	4
Vasdricus	5	Royal Archer	4
Border Ranger	5	Mark Marlen	4

CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP, a Sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each, 7 sovs. extra if not struck out by Tuesday, March 31st, and 15 sovs. more for starters, with 2,000 sovs. added. For three years old and upwards. The course will be the same as the third 100 sovs. About 1½ miles. (Mile and a quarter.)

RUN AT EPSOM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

	Age.		Age.
Evander	a	Great Barrier	4
Light Dragoon	a	Fando	4
Rajpoot	a	Obliterate	4
Gullemont	a	Roadbank	4
Condover	6	Brimstone	4
Baton Rouge	6	Invermark	4
Aglincourt	6	Sackett	4
Turin	6	Bucks Yeoman	4
Concorde III.	5	Star of Gold	4
Pharos	5	Sansovino	4
Invercauld	5	Mandelieu	4
Pharos	5	Hammett	4
Mardi Gras	5	Bronze	4
Darragh	5	Riverside	4
Peter Pax	5	Tredina	4
Greek Bachelor	5	Green Fire	4
Jarvie Pointer	5	Lackey	4
Dinkie	5	Sackett	4
Despatch	4	Tapin	4
Cockpit	4	Yeoman	4
Gewer	4	Helsby	4
Le Grue	4	Arcade	4
Morne	4	Arcade	4
St. Germans	4	Charlotte	4
Bright Knight	4	Pilot Stone	4
Tesia	4	Aureol	4
Bella	4	Diptha	3
The following has a stated entry :—Sir H. Cunliffe-Owen.			

GOLD CUP, value 500 sovs. with 3,500 sovs. in addition, out of which the second will receive 700 sovs. and the third 300 sovs. For entire colts and fillies. Two miles.

RUN AT ASCOT, THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

	Age.		Age.
Gullemont	6	Jennie	4
Eastern Monarch	5	Nicky Yeoman	4
Scullion	5	Purple Shade	4
Perth	5	Irismond	4
Marsyas	5	Blue Prior	4
Forth Guard	5	Commercial	4
D'Orsay	5	Churchtown	4
Stella	4	Mark Marlen	4
Dinkie	4	Brown	4
Ar de Plein	4	Cernhood	4
Ar de Plein	4	Cernhood	4
Walford	4	Leonardo	4
Santosh	4	Bronze	4
Pilot	4	Charlton's Mount	4
Sallust	4	Fanny	4
Salt Me Le Gualdi	4	Fanny	4
Caldesa	4	Sacred Alliance	4
Black	4	St. Becon	4
Le Grue	4	Le Grue	4
Morne	4	Conquistador	4
St. Germans	4	Conquistador	4
Bright Knight	4	Stanley	4
Tesia	4	English Knock	3
Bella	4	Diptha	3
The following has

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

STOCKS AND SHARES :—

London Stock Markets irregular—South Africans strong.

Dublin Stock Exchange firm—Bank Stock up to 300.

National Loan, 92¼.

Manchester Textiles irregular.

Birmingham Motor Shares active.

New York Stock Market strong.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE	4 per cent.
SAME DAY LAST YEAR	4 ,,
IRISH BANKS RATE	5 ,,
DO., DEPOSIT RATE	2 ,,
LONDON DAY-TO-DAY LOANS...	2-3 ,,
DO., CALL MONEY	2 ,,

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

"BOOM" IN BANK OF IRELAND STOCK. "CHARTERED" BUOYANT. TEXTILES BETTER. TOBACCOS EASIER.

The trend of prices on Change was again favourable, without any special feature of activity until the later market. Government National Loan was much firmer, Bank of Ireland Stock was very buoyant, but although 13th 230—a fresh rise of 5 points—was bid no stock offered, and at the afternoon market the price was swept up to 300, needless to say, a record price in recent years. Breweries and Distilleries were in steady request, with Guinness Ord. and Pref. and Dublin Distillers Ord all higher. Marconi Ord. Shares were again quietly, but steadily, absorbed. Radios held fairly firm. Home Rails were steady to firm, but entirely without feature. Trams, Tyres and Gas were idle. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were quietly bid for. Parent Tyres were idle most of the day. Support for McBirney Shares was in the market after the previous day's fall. Tobaccos were lower. Textiles remain good, despite profit-taking at one or two points. Burtle Shares were dealt in ex div, and show firmness. Chartered again rose prominently, and closed at best point reached. Burmah Oils were good.

Government National 5 p.c. Sterling Loan rose ¼ to 92¼, but Compensation Loan fell back ¼ to 89¾ at one time, but later recovered to 90.

British Funds were quiet. Consols rose ¼ to 57⅞, while War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 101¾. Dublin Corporation 3½ p.c. rose ½ to 69½.

Banks were practically idle, but Bank of Ireland Stock was bid up 5 points to 290 without getting any stock, while at the later market the price finished no less than 15 points higher at 298-300, and finally at 300. A small lot of Munster and Leinsters was picked up at 6¾, or ¼ under last marking.

Breweries and Distilleries were better. Guinness Ord. rose ¼ to 49¾, the Pref. ⅛ to 11⅛, and Dublin Distillers Ord. 9d. to 28s.

British and Irish Steam Pref. repeated 13s. 3d.

Marconi Ord. realised 33s. 3d.-33s. for odd lots. Radio Common fell ⅛ to 1⅞, and the Prefd. repeated 10⅛.

In Home Rails, Great Northern rallied ¼ to 55¼, while Great Southern Ord repeated 38, the Guaranteed 55 and the Debs. 65. At the later market the Ordinary Stock of this line fell ¾ to 37½, but the Guaranteed rallied ¼ to 55¾.

In Bakery Shares, Johnston 5 p.c. Debs. rose ½ to 65.

In Drapery Shares, McBirneys rallied 3d. to 5s. 3d., and Arnotts Pref. repeated 70s.

Dunlop Rubber Ord. quoted 10s. 9d.-10s. 10½d., a rise of 1½d., and Parent Tyre Pref. fell 1½d. to 14s. 9d.

Among Manufacturing Shares, British-American Tobacco fell 1s. to 111s. 3d. Imperial 3d. to 88s. 9d., do. Canadian 4½d. to 77s. 7½d., Callcos rose 6d. to 39s. 9d., and Coats 9d. to 64s. 6d. Spinners opened 3d. higher at 61s. 3d., but later relapsed to 61s. Bleachers fell 5d. to 68s. 9d.-69s. 6d. Helys Ord. improved 3d. to 24s. 1½d. and Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. 7½d. to 27s. 6d. Ulsters realised 36s. 9d.-36s. 10½d. Courtaulds changed hands freely at 73s., 72s. 9d., 72s. 6d., 72s. 9d., and the Pref. repeated 18s. 9d.

In Trading, etc., Burke Ord. nominally rose 1s. to 83s. 6d. x.d., and the Pref. 6d. to 77s. 6d. x.d., but the Debs. repeated 9. Chartered Shares rose a further 1s. 7½d. to 19s. 3d., 20s., 20s. 1½d., and Burmah Oil ⅛ to 5⅝ paid.

Other business done included British Controlled Oil Common, which realised 18s. 7½d.-18s. 9d., and Shells fetched 90s.-89s. 6d. x.d. White, Tomkins realised 26s.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

Nat. Loan..(92)	92¼	4	
Compensation Stock			
	(90) 89¾	90	
Consols ..(57⅛)	57⅜	57⅛	
5% War Ln.(101¼)	101¾	101¼	
Belfast 1936 Stock..84			
Dublin Stock.(66¾)	69½c		
Bank Ireland..(285)	298	300	
	300c		
Mun. & Lein.	96¾	97	
Dublin Distillers			
	(27)	28	
Guinness ..(49¼)	49½		
Pref. ..(11⅛)	11⅜		
B. & I. Steam Pref.			
	(13⅜)	13⅝c	
Marconi ..(34⅝)	34¾		
	35c		
Radio Common			1⅞
Do. Pref.			14d
G.S. Ord.			55¾
Do. Guar.			95¾
Do. Pref.			94
Parent Pf.(14/10¾)			14/9
Dunlops			10/9
Rolands			1s.
Arnott Pref.(70½)			70c

Odd lot. b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day.....	Jan. 19 Feb. 2
General contango day.....	Jan. 20 Feb. 3
Ticket day	Jan. 21 Feb. 4
Account day	Jan. 22 Feb. 5

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was fairly active. War Loan was done at 101⅛ and 101⅜, 4½ per cent. Conversion Loan at 97¼, 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan at 77¼, Exchequer 5½ per cent., Bonds at 100, Victory Bonds at 92⅛, and War 4 per cent. Stock at 101¼. In bank shares, Northern Bank "A" were done at 5¾ and 5⅞, and Provincials at 22¾. In Railway stocks the market was idle. Small lots of Belfast and Co. Down Ord. changed hands at 56, and Great Northern Ord. at 54¾. Belfast Water Commissioners 3 per cent. was dealt in small quantity at 60. In industrials, Coats changed hands at 65s. 10½d. and 66s., English Sewing Cottons at 67s. 6d., and York Street Flax Spinning Co. Ord. at 23. Mitchell of Glasgow Pref. brought 7. Dunlops were done at 10s. 7½d., White-Tomkins and Courage Ord. at 25s., and Shell Transports at 90s. x.d. (White, Tomkins and Courage Ord. 25s. on 6th, not 29s.)

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Market in Textiles rather more irregular. Bleachers, (60/-60/6; do. Pref., 52/-52/6; Callcos, 39/-39/6; do. Pref., 18/6-18/9; Dyers, 66/-67/; do. Pref., 20/-20/6; Cottons, 67/6-68/-; do. Pref., 19/9-20/-; Spinners, 61/-61/6; do. Pref., 19/6-19/9; Sewings, 67/6-68/; Coats, 64/-65/; Ship Canal, 84-84; do. Pref., 81-81; Velvets, 5.3-21/6.

BIRMINGHAM.—Buyers still keen; Singers quoted afresh; Rileys now 12/6; Standards, Rovers, and Enfields appreciated; Austins firmer; Dunlops a shade easier. Austins, 5/4½; do. Debs., 86½; Illuminia, 37/9; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 5/9; Enfields, 29/6; Humbers, 32/10½; Napiers, 26/5; do. Pref., 20/-; Rovers, 13/6; Singers, 37/9; Standards, 4/-; Swifts, 8/7½; Triumphs, 29/3; Vauxhalls, 5/9; Dunlops, 10/7½; Parent Def., 27/6.

RUBBER CROPS FOR DECEMBER.

Anglo-Malay, 164,525 (65,833); Cluny, 24,500 (9,000); Kanda Krau, 9,586; Lunadron, 70,121 (30,507); Ledbury, 8c. 903 (48,446); Malaysia, 30,000 (26,664); Putualing, 54,844 (71,554); Rapport, bel., 39,086 (38,000); Selaba, 51,354 (22,620); Serjoeng, Sel., 64,735 (61,469); Straits & Perak, 57,893 (34,524); Ye Tek, 8,400 (8,488); Tebolanz, 31,066 (27,914); Malaysian Plant 502,827 (276,497).
(Crops for December, 1923, in parentheses.)

COPPER OUTPUT.

Tanganyika Concessions—Copper production of Union Minière du Haut Katanga for December, 1924 (one; total for year, approximately, 50,700 tons.

LONDON STOCKS IRREGULAR.

PROFIT-TAKING IN PROGRESS.

The London Stock Markets made an irregular showing yesterday, there being a considerable amount of profit-taking in progress among the recently active stocks. At the same time the general undertone was good, and a number of issues came into prominence again, particularly South Africans, among which Chartered were buoyant. Tenders for £3 10s. p.c. Conversions Loan were opened at the Bank of England yesterday. Applications amounted to £68,060,000. Those accepted amounted to £69,660,000. Tenders at £77 10s. and above will receive allotment in full. The average price obtained is £77 10s. 11.584. A firm tone is noticeable in British Funds, and prices exhibited a distinct tendency to improve. They dropped back later, however, and at the close were generally repeated at overnight levels. Consols at 57¼ were unaltered on the day, while Funding Loan also remained at their previous closing level of 89½. Conversions were firm, the result of the new offer giving satisfaction. Dealings began in the new scrip on the basis of ⅛ prem.

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CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	57⅜		
War Ln. 5½ %..	97 3/16		
do. 4½ % ...	92¼		
do. 5%	101-101¼		
Vict. Fd. Fnd.	93¼		
Fund'g Ln. ...	101-101¼		
Victory Bds ...	92¾-93¼	¼	
5% Conv. Ln.	77¼-78		

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1927	92-92		
Aust. Com. 5%	100-100		
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Lan. Mid. & Scot. Ord..	102	103	¼
Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	80	82	
Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.		87	
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	93½	94½	¼
Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923.		87	
Lon. North-East. 6 p.c.			
Pref.	82¼	83½	¼
Do. Def. Ord.	41	42	¼
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref...	87	88	
Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref...	53	54	
Metropolitan	67½	68½	½
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	93	94	
Do. District	39½	40½	
Mid. & Gt. North. Ord.	10	11	
Do. Def. Ord.	4	5	
Do. "B"	4½	5½	
Do. "C"	4½	5½	
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	41½	42½	
Do. 4 p.c. Deb. 1924	89	90	
Underground Electric ...	25	25½	
Do. Income Bonds	89	90	
Do. Guaranteed	54½	55½	
Weardale Iron & P.Co...	7½	7¾	⅛

LAND.

Aboukir Land	18/9	20/9	+1/0
Argentine Northern Land	1½	1⅝	
Southern Land	1½	1⅝	
B.N.B. Land	1	1⅛	
Forestal Land	15½	16½	
Hudson's Bay Ord.	1⅝	1⅞	
Do. Pref.	1⅝	1⅞	
Pekin Syndicate	1	1⅛	
Rio Negro Lands	1⅝	1⅞	
Sudan Plantations	7¾	7⅞	⅛

NEWSPAPERS.

Assd. Newspapers Def...	6⅛	6½	⅛
Daily Mail Def.	1	1⅛	
Daily Mirror Ord.	7½	7¾	+0/7½
Sunday Pictorial Ord ...	8¾	9	

NITRATES.

Anglo-Chilian Nitrate ...	21⅝	22¼	+ ⅛
Lautaro Nitrate	2	2⅛	
Liverpool Nitrate	1/6	2/0	
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Nitrate Corp.	2/3	2/6	
Rosario Nitrate	2/0	2/3	
Santa Rita Nitrate	1	1⅛	
Santiago Nitrate	1	1⅛	
Tarapaca Nitrate	15/0	15/9	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

African and East. Trade	33/9	37/9	
Anglo-Arg. Tram 1st Pf.	3¾	3⅞	
Associated Cement	13/9	14/9	+0/6
Do. Pref.	15/6	16/6	
Boron Con. Def.	1⅝	1⅞	
Brazilian Traction	29	29⅛	
British Portland Cement.	7/6	8/0	
British Glass	27/6	29/0	
Do. Pref.	1/8M	1/9M	
Brit. Col. Cork	3/3	3/6	
Brit. Col Electric Rail.			
Def.	1/3	1/6	
Brit.-Amer. Tobacco ...	110/0	112/0	
Brunner Mond	39/9	40/3	+0/6
Spring and May	3/3	3/6	
De la Rue Deb.	3/3	3/6	
Dunlop Rubber	10/3	10/7½	+1
Do. Pref.	14/3	14/7½	
Do. Amer. Fire Deb. ...	103	107	
English Electric	18/9	20/3	+0/3
Finlay (James)	71/0	72/6	+0/6
General Electric Con....	21/9	22/9	+0/9
Do. Debs	97	99	
Gramophone Ord.	19½	19⅝	
Imperial Tobacco Ord...	87½	88½	
Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	21/0	22/0	
Lever 6 p.c. Pref.	98	100	
Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	106	110	+1
Mexican Trams	18	18¼	
Do. Bonds	27	27½	
Do. L. and P. Bonds ...	64	65	
Nobel Ord.	24/3	24/7	
Do. Pref.	24/3	24/9	
Do. Def.	21/0	21/9	
Parent Tyre Def.	9/0	10/0	
Do. Ord.	11/3	11/6	
Rolls Royce	34/6	35/3	
Salt Union	7/0	7/6	
San Paulo Tram Debs. ...	85	90	
Shawinigan Water Debs.	103	105	
Do. Pref.	107	110	
Do. 5 p.c. Cum. Pref.	104	107	
United Alkali	21/3	21/9	
Wallpaper Def.	22/0	23/0	

SHIPPING.

Cairns Fleet	22/6	23½	+ ⅛
Cairns Ord.	22/6	23½	+0/1¼
Clarend Ord.	2½	3	
Ocean Coal Ord.	1⅝	1⅞	
Furness	19/0	20/0	
Do. Pref.	19/0	20/0	
and G. Def.	2½	2⅝	+1/0
Hall Line	21/6	21/9	
Indian Steam	7/6	8/0	
Vallambrosa	1½	1⅝	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

Amalgamated Cotton...	11/6	12/3	
Bleachery	3¾	3⅞	- ⅛
Bradford Dyers	4¾	4⅞	
British Celanese Ord...	3¾	3⅞	+0/10½
Calico Printers	4¾	4⅞	
Coats	64/3	64/6	
Courtaulds	71/6	72/6	
English Sewing Cotton..	3¾	3⅞	
Fine Spinners	3¾	3⅞	
Harrods	4¾	4⅞	
Linen Thread Ord.	2¾	2⅞	
Do. Pref.	2¾	2⅞	
Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref. ...	19½	19¾	

OILS.

M.U.			
Jan. 6.			
Anglo-American	3⅛	3⅜	
Asiatic Petroleum	4⅝	4¾	
Asso-Mexican	3⅛	3⅜	
Anglo-Ecuadorian	3⅛	3⅜	
Anglo-Egyptian	3⅛	3⅜	
Anglo-Persian 4 p.c. ...	3⅛	3⅜	
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref...	29½	30	
Do. Ord., issued 25 p.c.	29½	30	
Do. Def.	29½	30	
Apex Trinidad	3⅛	3⅜	
Attock	3⅛	3⅜	
Brit. Borneo Pet. (1909)	3⅛	3⅜	
British Burmah (def.) ...	7/9	7/9	
Burmah Oil	5⅛	5⅜	
Do. Pref.	19/3¾	19/4¾	+3/4¾
Burmah, Ltd.	19/3¾	19/4¾	+3/4¾
Caltex	3⅛	3⅜	
Central Mexican	3⅛	3⅜	
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Consolidated Mex.	3⅛	3⅜	
Do. Pref.	19/3¾	19/4¾	+3/4¾
Do. Bearer	19/3¾	19/4¾	+3/4¾
General Pet. Trinidad L.	3⅛	3⅜	
Kern River	3⅛	3⅜	
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STRONG young General required, plain cooking, washing; early riser; must be fond of children. Apply 10 to 11 o'clock, 6 Palmerston Villas, Rathmines. 5 E

WANTED, young Girl (18), as cooking, small house; must be recommended. Call 4/4 Syngs street, Dublin, S. C. 1064. 5 E

WANTED immediately, superior General Maid; all duties. Apply, stating salary, copies references, Rotherham, Kells, Meath. 5 E

WANTED for the County Dublin, a good General Servant, must be a good cook; one kind person in personal attendance on invalid lady. Apply, with copies, to Miss Thunder, Lagore, Rathoath, Co. Meath. 6 E

WANTED, good General Servant; early riser, and young Girl to assist housemaid; usual duties; some experience. Apply Somerset, Blackrock, between 11 and 2, or by letter. 6 E

WANTED, good, reliable General, small family; food for children.—Mrs. Murray, 15 Newtown road, Waterford. 7 E

WANTED, for Belfast, General Servant; well recommended. Apply 38 Grosvenor square, Rathmines. 7 A

WANTED, tidy young General, partly trained, small family; age and wages; copies references.—P. 509, this office. 7 E

WANTED, General Servant for Sessions; good plain cooking; washing; Apply Shop, 96 Lower Baggot street, Dublin. 7 E

WANTED, near London, first class General; good cook, early riser; well recommended.—Fairhill, Barnet. 7 E

WANTED, good General (outdoor), North City; good references.—E 560, this office. 7 E

WANTED, good General Indoor; £18—£20 Lesson Park avenue. 7 E

WANTED, tidy steady active Woman, R.C.; Apply 10 for Lesson-street, Rooly, stating age, wages, send copies discharges, "Z 615, Woman" this office. 7 E

WANTED immediately, good General Servant; washing; early riser. Apply, stating wages, copies references, Mrs. Johnston, Battery road, Leixlip. 7 E

WANTED, young Girl to train as General for children; must be fond of children; must be early riser; send full particulars. Address "Z 522, Girl," this office. 7 E

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

CAN any lady recommend superior Protestant Girl, 17 train as Under housemaid, scullery? some experience preferred, but beginner might suit. Address "Z 355, Housemaid," this office. 7 A

EXPERIENCED Housemaid required for the South of Ireland; small house; servants three; wages £30.—Mrs. T. B., Red House, Sherborne, Dorset. 5 E

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, gentleman's family at present; in house with cook; convenient.—Mrs. Delany, Market square, Navan. 5 P

HOUSE, Parlourmaid Wanted, January 21st; good wages; two in family; good references and experience essential.—Mrs. Wright, Parkmore, Sandhill. 7 A

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, R.C., quiet country place. Send age, wages, reference, Mrs. Mc. do 15 Fort, Glen Fort, Kilcullen. 7 P

UNDER Housemaid, some experience, R.C., required immediately; country; wages £30. Address "Z 417, Housemaid," this office. 5 P

UNDER House Parlourmaid Wanted; must be well recommended; young; clean; neat; send reference. Mrs. Casey, Glen Lucan, Brae.

WANTED, Head Housemaid, can under kept, Apply, with full particulars, to Mrs. Hall-Dare, Newtownbarry, Co. Wexford. 7 P

WANTED, young House Parlourmaid (housework chiefly); must be early riser, clean and tidy, willing and obliging; easy washing; wages £24 (returning).—P. 597, this office. 7 E

NURSES WANTED.

A GENT for NURSES, MAIDS and ATTENDANTS, Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Daily, Ref. Insp. Nos. 5 and 6. 7 E

CAN Lady recommend thoroughly reliable and experienced Nurse for children, 4 and 5 years, British officer's family, returning to England, March, and requiring wages and particulars, to Mrs. Morris, 5 The Crescent, Galway. 8 E

WANTED immediately, a capable Nurse, with some years' experience, to take full charge of a baby four months old. Send reference, state salary and age, to "Z 365," this office. 5 E

WANTED, an experienced Children's Nurse for three, two years and upwards. Send copies testimonials to "Z 578," this office. 5 E

WANTED, superior Nurse Housemaid, child of 6 years and infant 3 months; wages £26; good reference essential.—E 183, this office. 5 E

WANTED, an experienced Nurse, R.C., to take charge of Girl of 10 on best terms.—Coleman's, 25, 26 and 27 Clonmore street, Dublin. 7 E

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COOK General (plain cook) and House Parlourmaid (housework); situation together; Protestant; age, experience, wages; small family; good references. Address "Z 455, Cook," this office. 7 E

COOK General, 21, disengaged, highly recommended, desires a situation in Dublin or suburbs.—S, 91 Pill, Kilwarden, Clontarf. 7 E

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DISENGAGED, first class Cook, requires kitchenmaid (girl); highest references.—Miss Wright, Agency, Clonsilla. 7

SUPERIOR Cook General, settled, excellent cook, pastry, cakes, bread; R.C.; highly recommended.—Rosslyn, Kenilworth square. 7 E

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GENERALS DISENGAGED.

A RESPECTABLE young country Girl wishes situation as General Servant; good cook and laundress. Write or call, Katie Noone, Mullantine, Rathangan, Co. Kildare. 7

EXPERIENCED Protestant General disengaged; 25; first class cook; city preferred.—E 566, this office. 7 E

FARMER'S Daughter wants to be trained as General, for the first year; Dublin suburbs preferred; has some experience; age 16 years; Dublin suburbs preferred; wages to start £16. Address "Z 422—2 Mountpleasant place. 7

GOOD General disengaged; excellent papers; small family; £22—2 Mountpleasant place. 7

SUPERIOR, steady General or plain cook; thoroughly experienced in all duties; small wash; trustworthy, reliable; well recommended; city, suburbs.—E 577, this office. 7 E

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TRUSTWORTHY General (Protestant) wishes situation, where treated as family, town, country; wages £16.—52 Holles street. 7

YOUNG country Girl wishes situation as General, partly trained; South side of city preferred.—113, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines Bridge. 7 E

YOUNG General (small family); good references; England preferred.—E 591, this office. 7 E

YOUNG Girl as plain General, country girl; some experience; recommended.—E 590, this office. 7 E

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COUNTRY Girl desires situation, Housemaid or Children's Nurse; recommended. Address "Z 494, Girl," this office. 7 E

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LADY recommends young House Parlourmaid; disengaged 19th January. Apply 44 Fitzwilliam square. 7 E

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A YOUNG married Woman would accept position as Nurse Housemaid to grown child.—E 593, this office. 7

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POULTRY, ETC. CONTINUED.

R.I.R. (Measures', March, 1924, Pullets, laying; also Cockerel to Pullets; Hens, 3/- each; owner leaving.—1 Wellington road, Dublin.

R.I.R. Hens, Boucher, best pens, 1923; 5/-.—Mostyn, Sandymount.

SALE, two young Turkey Hens, Guinea Cock and Hen. 53 Lower Beechwood avenue, Dublin.

TWO White Wyandotte Cockerels, rose comb, Stone's direct, each 10/6, free.—Heyestown Rectory, Dundalk.

WINTER Laying Hens fill the purse; that's why Cockerels are in demand; Pullets to 5/-.—Mrs. Hall and Kurwood Poultry Spice (containing ground shells), 1/11, and Kurwood Poultry Spice (containing ground shells), 1/11, and Kurwood Poultry Spice (containing ground shells), 1/11,